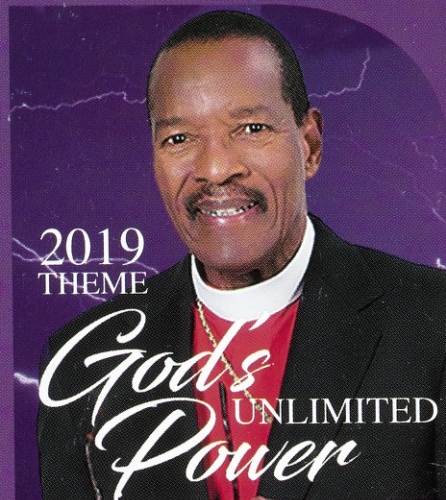


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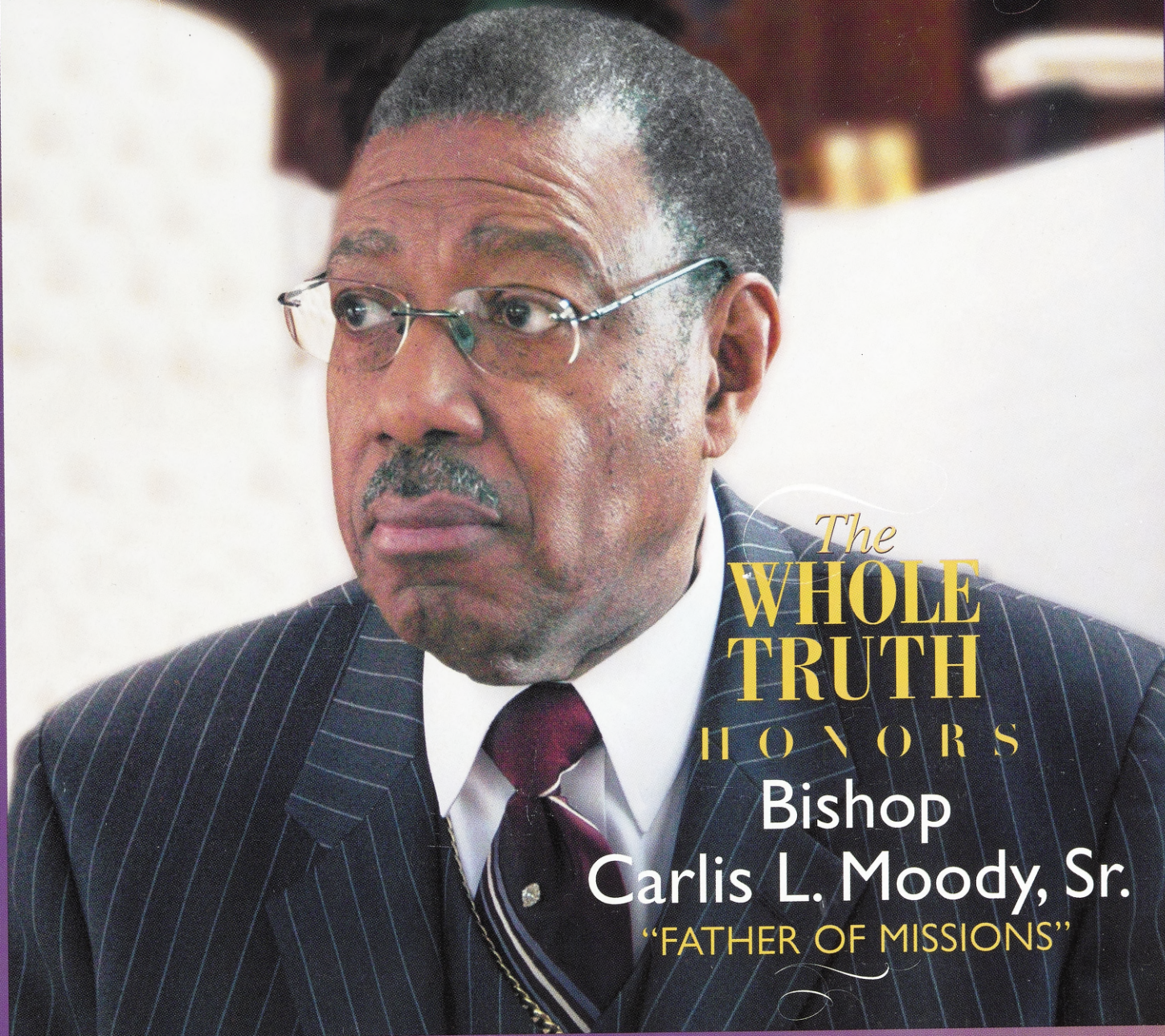
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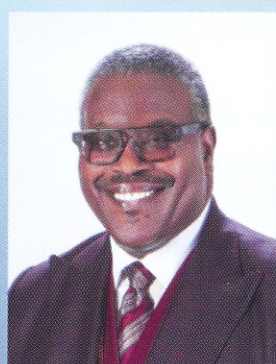
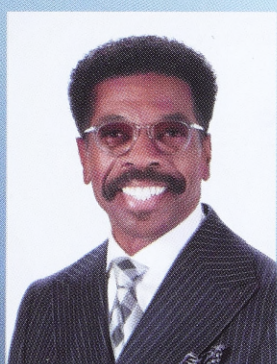
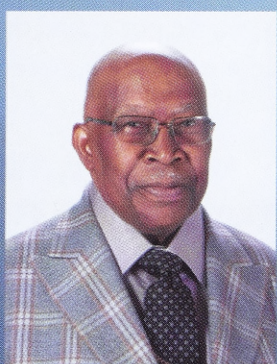
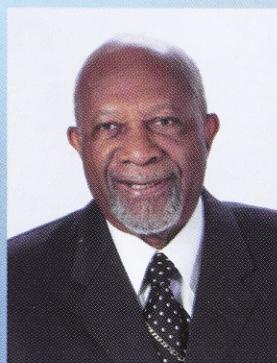
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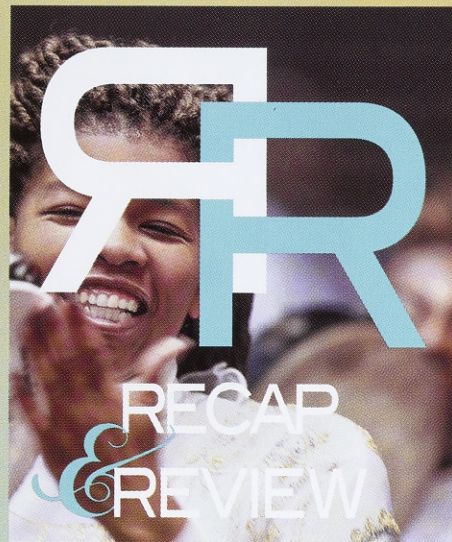
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From The Desk of Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.



"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places..." (Ephesians 1:18-20).

Greetings Dear TWT Readers:

I am delighted to extend greetings to you in the very first 2019 issue of TWT. I further delight in the fact that with each new year comes new opportunities to discover "the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the work of His mighty power" (Ephesians 1:19), something in which we can all rejoice.

In that same manner, I would like to encourage each of you to meditate on the Church Of God In Christ theme for 2019—"God's Unlimited Power Makes Unlimited Accomplishments Possible," and firmly grasp the fact that there is absolutely no limit to what we are able to achieve through God's awesome, miraculous power. When we fully understand the God we serve and acknowledge Him in all of His sovereign, omniscient wisdom and power, only then can we tap into our own true abilities. We must wholeheartedly believe and understand that through Him, all things are possible and through Him, we are able because we are His and He is exceedingly able.

I pray that this wonderful issue of *The Whole Truth* blesses each of you. As the cover story depicts, The Church Of God In Christ proudly honors the life and legacy of Bishop Carlis L. Moody, Sr. We salute Bishop Moody for the great work he lovingly contributed through missions. Bishop Moody's unparalleled service and work has set the bar high, truly catapulting the ministry of missions within The Church Of God In Christ. Please join me in continued prayers for his wife, First Lady Mary Moody, and the entire Moody family in their time of grief and transition.

That each of your lives would continue to be fulfilled and richly blessed is my prayer.

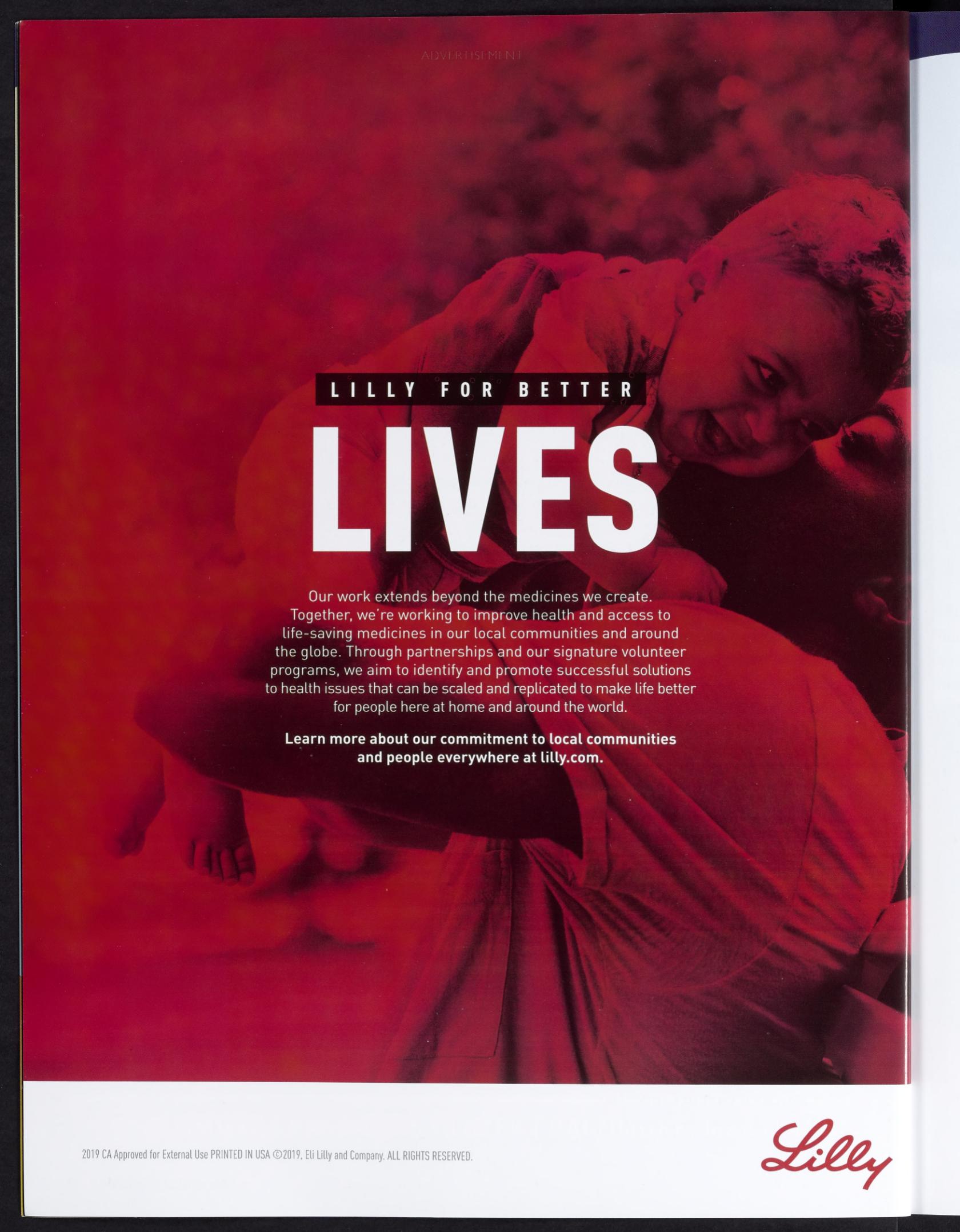
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LETTER from the EDITOR



Be Blessed!

Dear TWT Readers:

We are elated to welcome you to the very first 2019 edition of TWT and hope that your new year is proceeding well! We are so humbled and grateful for the generosity of our current subscribers who continue to support The Whole Truth's endeavors, and would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest subscribers. We pray that each you will be thoroughly encouraged by this editorial. Please know that we consider the opportunity to continue delivering fresh perspectives and content, as well as pertinent, COGIC-related information to be a true blessing.

We invite you to peruse the pages of this issue for a few inspiring reads, such as "Have a Happy and Blessed New Year" by Marion McNair, and "Leaders, Take Care of Your FIRST Temple, FIRST" by Evangelist DeLisa Reed. Our cover story offers a wonderfully rich tribute to the life and work of the late Bishop Carlis Moody, Sr., by guest writer, Minister Michael Payton, while TWT writer, Elder David-George Newsome provides comprehensive coverage of the 2018 Holy Convocation, in case you missed it...and so much more! Our sincere hope is that something within this issue will speak to your hearts so that you may share with or be equipped to encourage someone else.

We pray that 2019 brings God's love and favor to each of you. "And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you" (Psalm 74:17).

In Jesus' name...be blessed!

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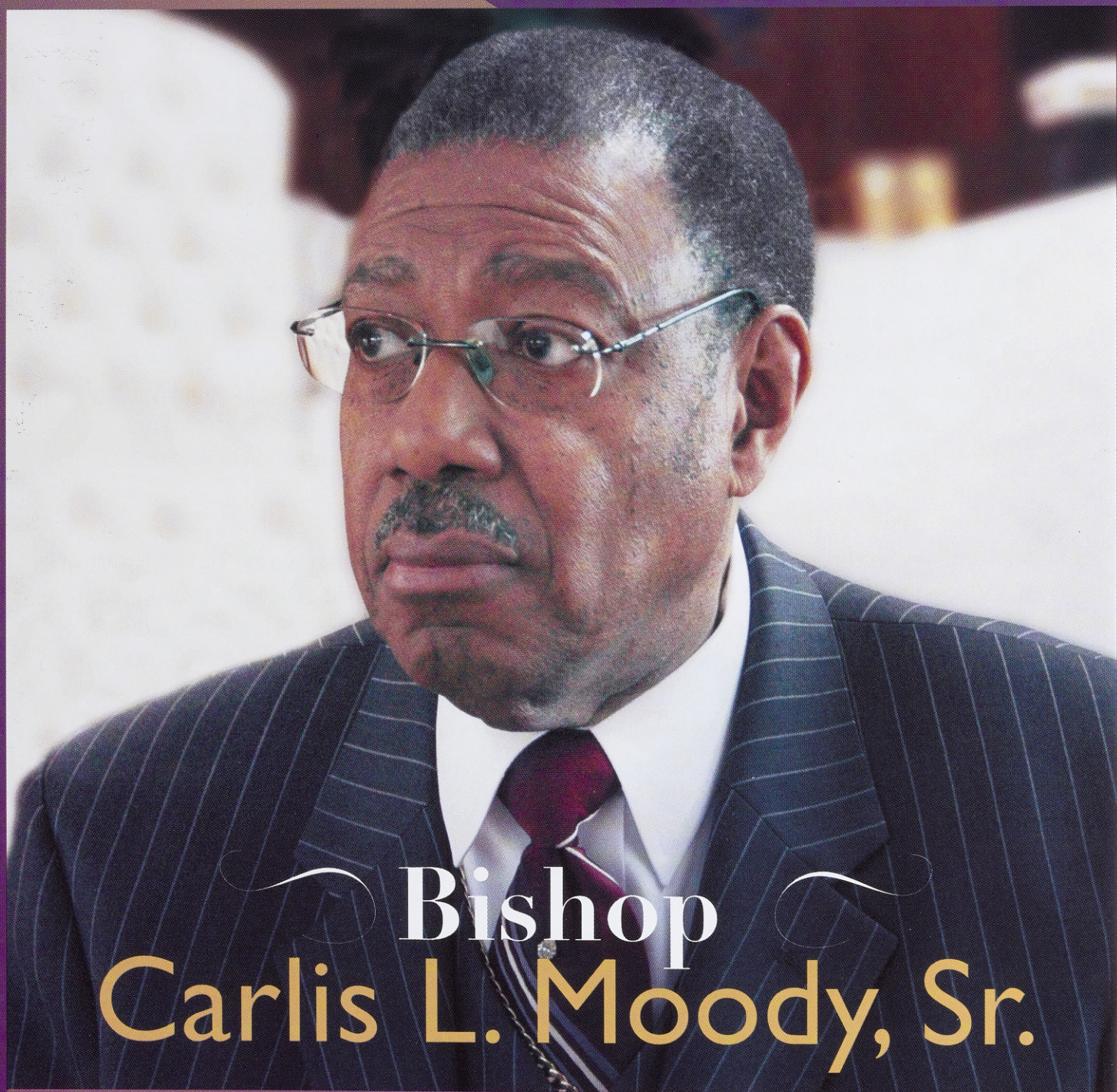
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April E. Quillen

He Never Let a Day Go By

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to the LEGENDARY



Bishop Carlis L. Moody, Sr.

By Elder Michael Payton

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A legend. An icon. An angel from Heaven.
The consummate churchman. These were
some of the words used when speaking of
and honoring
Bishop Carlis Lee Moody, Sr.,
the celebrated
“Father of Missions”



who received the final stamp on his passport on Saturday morning, January 12, 2019, surrounded by his family in Evanston, Illinois. Led by our illustrious Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., saints from around the world gathered at Faith Temple COGIC, the home church of Bishop Moody, to pay homage to a man born to serve all of mankind. Over the two days of celebration, thousands of people, befittingly from various nations, cultures and ethnicities, produced a scene reminiscent of celestial jubilation, for the epitome of humility in man. Our Presiding Bishop was at

his best in recognizing the significant lifelong contributions of our cherished Bishop Moody. Joined by several members of the General Board, the Board of Bishops, and many other national officials, a great salute to a great man ensued as a huge crowd in their celebratory “Class A” attire praised one of God’s finest creations!

Bishop Moody served for 40 years

as president of COGIC World Missions, traveling the world, passionately sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Having served under every presiding bishop in the Church, Bishop Moody was respected and esteemed by

both laymen and leaders. Bishop Moody also labored as the jurisdictional prelate of the Republic of Germany for 17 years and the senior pastor of the great Faith Temple COGIC in Evanston, Illinois for over 60 years! The epitome of a 21st century missionary, there was no place Bishop would not go to expound on and spread the good news. Bishop is known worldwide

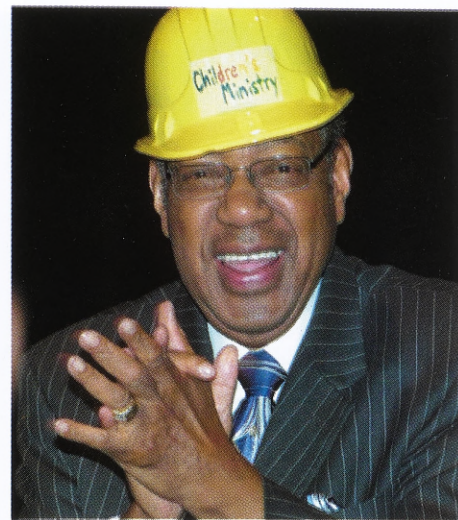


for assisting those in need, whether opening an orphanage in Haiti, ministering in the midst of conflict between Shiite and Sunni Muslims in Rwanda, assisting with rebuilding after monsoons hit the country of India, feeding thousands when famine hit the continent of Africa, or digging wells just to provide the basic necessity of water in Uganda. If it is true that the best sermons are seen and not heard, Bishop Moody was a Master Preacher, without uttering a word. From his very first trip to the Dominican Republic in 1970, to his last trip in 2018 to a North Dakota Indian Reservation with Bishop Cole and Youth On A Mission, Bishop Moody was a living epistle, read by men, uniquely translated into many different languages!

Bishop Moody almost single-handedly re-adjusted the image of the Church Of God In Christ Missions Department, leading to the recognition of the Church Of God In Christ as the “Mission Church”. Honestly, how many could have a local, state, national and international service, honoring a life dedicated to not just Americans or Christianity, but to humanity itself? Charles S. Spurgeon, renowned theologian, stated that “Every Christian is either a

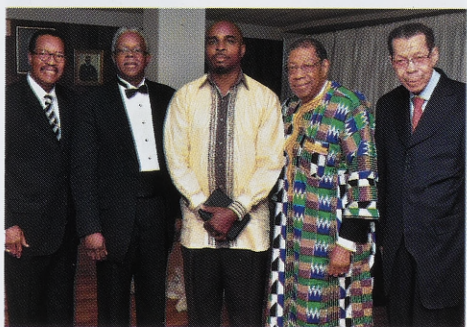
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missionary or an imposter.” Bishop Moody was the virtuoso missionary, the ultimate cleric, who without fear or trepidation crisscrossed the globe fulfilling the Great Commission. Can you envision all of the stamps on his passport? It would be impossible for anyone short of God Himself to accurately record the number of lives changed by the ministry and anointing of this great Lord’s servant. It was quite obvious that Bishop Moody was an earnest believer. How else could a man be so sacrificial, so humble in spirit, so dedicated to the lives of ordinary people, who he, most likely, would never see again in his life? Bishop’s motivation clearly was divinely inspired. Fame and fortune did not faze him. Applause from the audience was not important. The stage and the bright lights did not impress him. The platform and notoriety seemingly disdained him. His life and his message pointed others not to his work and his ministry, but to his Lord and Savior. And this did seemingly without ever complaining. Besides, how could the clay tell the Potter what to do with His creation? On January 12, Heaven was clapping. What a GREAT ovation!





Ask yourself this question: Which comes first, God's sovereign destiny for your life or the provision to perform it? Surely, in God's horizontal view of ministry, there was no way Bishop Moody could fulfill the destiny set before him without Mother Mary Moody, his love and life partner for nearly three generations. Mother was the personification of a first lady, as she sustained and loved Bishop Moody with all that she knew. Oh, the fasting and praying she must have done for her husband, knowing he was dedicated to travel to places that could possibly cost him his life! Bishop was chosen, hand-picked by the Master Himself, and so was Mother Mary Moody. She trusted the God in the life of

New Faith Temple Will Be Dedicated

First Temple Church of God in
Detroit will move Sunday from 1821
South St. to a new building at
1011 Drexel Ave.

At 1:45 p.m. the congregation, led by the Rev. Charles L. Wessley, will move from the old building to the new one.

Television services will be held 8 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the central Illinois Convention Hall, and provide state and national church leaders and city officials have been invited.

First Temple Church began in January, 1975, when the Rev. Mr. Henry gather with six persons in his home at Mrs. Foster Adams, 114 Taylor St. Since that time, its membership has grown to 106.

A new building has been planned since 1980, and the cornerstone for the structure was laid last fall.

To include the new house, Paul
escape and hold security of 2
in every morning from families
enough for 30 congregations
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more have been held.

Evangelical churches also will be making guests during the celebration. Members of the First Reformed Evangelical Church will be at noon, Wednesday, New Hope C.M.E. Church, Wednesday, and Bethel A.M.E. Church, next Thursday. Spruill Street Baptist Church, 140



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churches will be guests Jan. 21 and Ebenezer A.M.E. Church will visit on Jan. 24.

The artist and painter shows a
 1875-1876 and 1877-1878









Bishop, highly valued her role in his life, seamlessly understanding and accepting it, and she sought refuge in the only One who could provide answers to her questions and prayers. Mother Moody poured herself into Faith Temple, aiding in handling many affairs as Bishop traveled. Mother exemplified Proverbs 31, and no one could bring a smile to the face of Bishop Moody like she could. Alas, consider the sacrifices she and their four children had to make, wishing Dad could be at home for sporting events, graduations and typical milestones in the lives of young people. What an expense they paid, for the sake of this great Gospel! Once the children grew older, Mother then joined Bishop on missionary journeys, visiting many countries to assist and support him as he served. At his celebration, Mother Moody penned a beautiful tribute to her husband of 64 years, simply entitled "You and Me". Mother Moody, or "Baby," as only Bishop Moody had the right to call her, stood strong as the matriarch of her family, demonstrating the faith and trust in God as many shared stories of how her husband impacted or outright changed their lives. If you know Mother Moody, she shuns the spotlight, choosing rather to focus



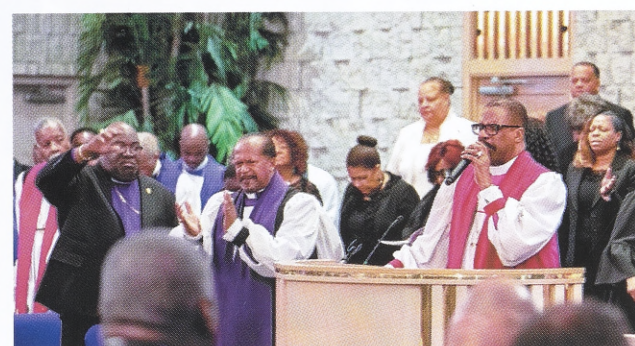


on the local church and her family, which she proudly smiles about, as they are her greatest accomplishments. But as those who came from far and near spoke so lovingly of Mother Mary and Bishop, she had no choice but to be “loved,” as her name suggests. Mother smiled and beamed as the entire church, from the General Board, to the pastors and elders, to the Board of Bishops saluted both her and Bishop Moody. Many spoke of and acknowledged not only her sacrifices, but her charisma, contributions, and godly wisdom. Mother Barbara McCoo

Lewis, our superlative and sainted Supervisor of Women, especially celebrated Mother Moody and her work over the years. And of course, Faith Temple, a church known for its hospitality and love, pledged to honor, revere and cherish Mother for as long as she lives. These truly should be the best days of her life, doing whatever it is she wants to do! Faith Temple and Illinois First promised to do just that.

One of the highlights of the two-day celebration was hearing from our World Missions President, Bishop

Vincent Mathews. Bishop Mathews is a spiritual son of Bishop Moody and hand-picked to succeed him as our International Missionary. Bishop Mathews traveled to many countries with Bishop Moody, not for fanfare and glory, but in kindred spirit, to serve the people of God. Now, the Church is planted in over 100 countries; this grand work begun by our beloved Bishop Moody. Bishop Mathews, clearly emotional during the ceremony, spoke of his beginning days in Africa and how Bishop Moody was so instrumental in his life. Hearing Bishop Mathews



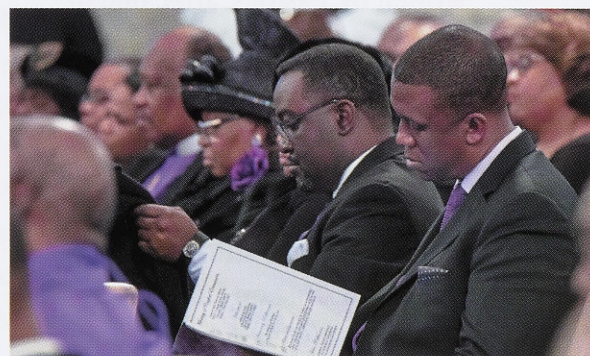
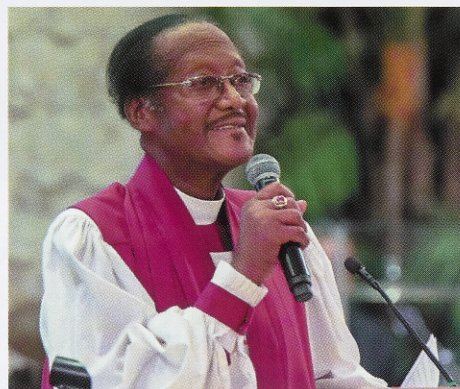
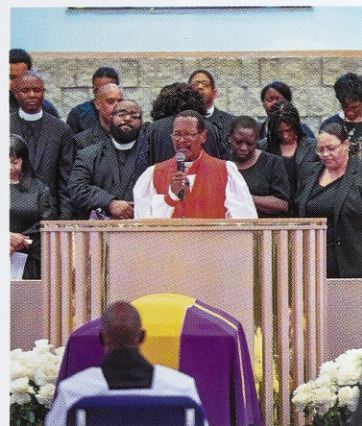
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Speak brought to mind a quote by A.W. Tozer from his book *The Pursuit of God*: "We can be in our day what the heroes of faith were in their day - but remember at the time they didn't know they were heroes." This quote speaks so accurately to the life of Bishop Moody. Being a hero was never his goal. In his own book "Humility Before Honor," Bishop Moody shared many stories of harrowing adventures for the sake of the Gospel. But he never glorified himself. "If I labor, God's gonna give me a crown" was one of Bishop's favor-

ite quotes. And what a crown he has! Bishop's own daughter, Mother Sideary King, shared her admiration of her father's humility, and stated that no one "was too guilty for Dad to talk to." What a powerful statement!

Providentially, Bishop Moody had already made provisions for the church that he loved, Faith Temple. Already scheduled for January 13th, 2019, which would turn out to be the day after his death, was the Pastoral Installation of his son, Elder Carlis Moody, Jr. Bishop

Ocie Booker, the Prelate of Illinois First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, officiated this event as Pastor Moody was divinely installed to lead the 500-member church. How awesome it was to hear the choir sing "I'm Available to You," the smash hit written by Pastor Carlis, one of the vice-presidents of the International Music Department. Even in the days leading up to his demise, Bishop Moody had his heart and mind on the well-being of others. He was, to us in Illinois First, a champion. Bishop Booker admonished the church to honor the





memory of Bishop Moody, who he described as his “best friend,” by staying together, loving one another as a church should, and always putting God first. Faith Temple has always been a shining light in the city of Evanston and the state of Illinois, as witnessed by the governmental officials present and without doubt, God will continue to lead them on.

So as the Bishop Robert G. Rudolph, Jr. and the National Adjutants concluded the service with the wonderful Episcopal conclusion, the end of an era commenced, but the mission goes on. We are left with the fond memories of a legend, but must continue the legacy that has begun. Many spiritual sons and daughters are left to fill his shoes. Like Paul, Bishop Moody fought a good fight, meaning this fight was worth it. An indefatigable soldier of the Cross has received his just reward. He has no more missions, save one: To Praise his God, all day long! Now, he doesn't have to ever worry about letting a day go by! You can't help but wonder, what did the Lord say when he saw Bishop Moody? Gut gemacht. Bien hecho. Bem feito. Umefanya vizuri. Bien joué. Bene factum. Or simply... Well Done! **TWT**

Elder Michael Payton serves as the Jurisdictional and Regional Superintendent of Sunday School for Illinois First and the Mid-America Region. Elder Payton considered Bishop Carlis Moody, Sr. to be, as he was to many young men in Illinois, a Spiritual Father:

The Art of Letting

GO and Saying NO

By
Missionary
Chareá
Batiste

A friend asks you for a favor. Even though you are stretched too thin, you say “yes”. You are involved with an organization and feeling exhausted, but you tell yourself to keep going and stay committed. You have been the leader of the church’s book club for years but feel offended when someone suggests that a different person with a fresh vision be given a chance to lead. Do any of these scenarios sound familiar? If so, it may be an indication that you’re having trouble letting go and saying no. This challenge often comes down to two things: the problem of people pleasing, or the difficulty with letting others take control.

Letting go and saying no is easier said than done.

Many of us have been doing the same tasks for years, and when we start feeling like it is time to move on, we begin to feel guilty. We may even worry about what may happen if we stop doing that particular task. For instance, say you have been the Usher Board president for the past ten years, but you really feel it is time to step down. You may decide not to do so because you worry the role won't be filled, or you wonder if someone will do as good a job as you. You may also be hesitant to step down because you know people are counting on you. Ultimately, though, our job is to please God, not to please man.

IN almost every area of our lives, letting go and saying no can be a challenge. At work, we may feel worried about being seen as a slacker or not being a team player if we say no. At home, we may worry that our spouses or children will be hurt if we set boundaries with our time and personal well-being. With our friends, we think we may lose the friendship if we say "no" to one of their requests. Church obligations can be especially challenging, as people can make you feel like you are not a true Christian unless you say "yes" to everything that is asked of you. The truth is, we cannot do everything, and we should also know when the season has come to move on and let go.

LETTING go can also be difficult because we see ourselves in a certain role, which has shaped our identity over the years. If you have been the church's

only choir director for 15 years, you may wonder how you can break free from that identity and do something different in the church. You might also feel lost or like a piece of you is missing if you decide to step down from being the choir director. No matter the role, there is a piece of our identity that has to be reshaped when we retire from something we have done for so long.

IMAGINE that you have been in the same job for 20 years. You are ready to move on to greener pastures, but you think about another person coming in to take your place. That individual will now have your office, will sit at your desk, and may do the task in a way you would never have done it. Some people struggle with the thought of another person taking over, and so they continue to do the same job, even though it is time to move on. This is a perfect example of struggling with the idea of releasing control.

ONE of the best things we can do when wondering if it's time to let go or say no is to prioritize what is important in our lives. If the task we are doing is taking away too much of our time or energy, that may be a sign to let it go. If the task causes us to lose focus on what really matters, then we might need to say "no" or resign from a role.

JESUS illustrated the art of prioritizing in the story of Mary and Martha. In Luke 10, Jesus entered a village and was welcomed into Martha's house. Martha's sister, Mary, sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to what He had to say. Martha was too busy serving, and she was upset that Mary had left her to serve alone. Instead of siding with her,

Jesus told Martha that she was worried and troubled about many things, but Mary had chosen the good part, or that which was more of a priority. How often do we get worn down and tired because we did not learn the art of letting go of insignificant things in order to focus on what really matters?

THIS is not to say, of course, that we should say "no" to everyone and let go of everything in our lives. Instead, we must use prayer and wisdom to help us make sound decisions. As Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV) says, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." If you are unsure whether it is time to step down from a church position, pray about it. If you are thinking of retiring, ask the Lord if the timing is right. If someone asks you for a favor but you already have a full plate, use wisdom in deciding whether that favor is a priority.

WHETHER it is having difficulty with releasing control, struggling with pleasing others, or some other reason, seek God for the areas in your life that need to be scaled back. Don't let guilt from others cause you to keep saying "yes" when you should be saying "no". Pray and ask the Lord for guidance when you are unsure of your next steps. If you are uncertain if it is the right time to let go or say no, ask God to direct your footsteps and in this way, you can never go wrong.

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Missionary Chareá Batiste attends New Beginnings Community Church. Her hometown roots belong to Greater Victory Temple COGIC in Seaside, CA (Elder Ronald Britt, Pastor) formerly under the leadership of Bishop W.W. Hamilton, Jurisdictional Prelate Emeritus and General Board Secretary Emeritus.

There's No Place Like Home:



Holy Convocation Returns to **MEMPHIS** in 2021

By Elder David-George Newsome



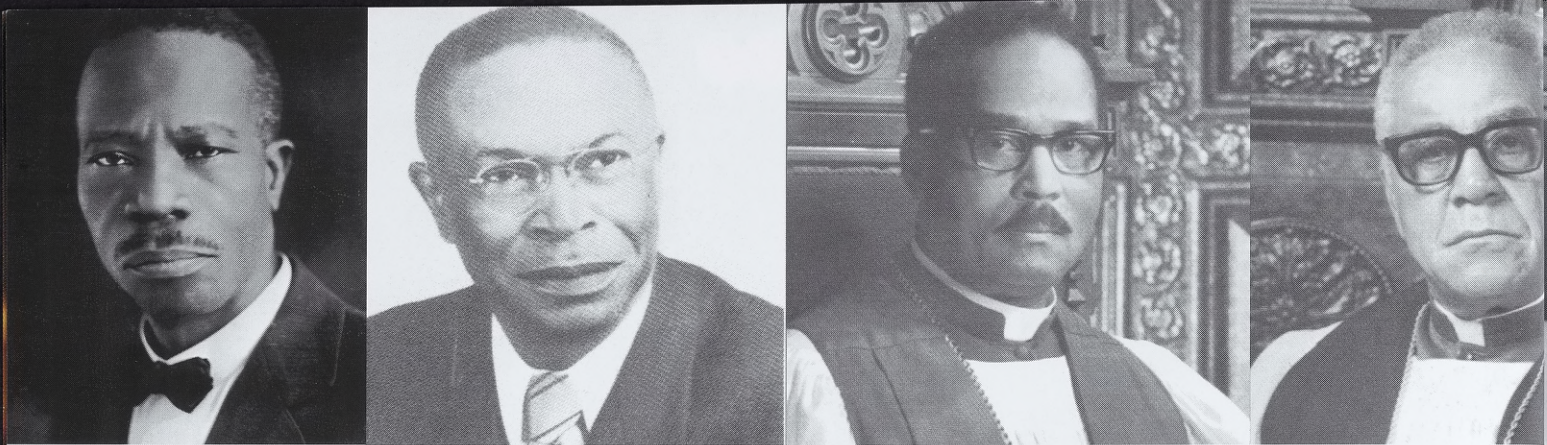
Memphis, Tennessee --
- "There's no place like home,"
is a famous statement from the
character Dorothy in both *The
Wizard of Oz* and *The Wiz*. All
of us have felt that feeling after a
long trip, months of being away at
college or after a long day of work
or school. Home brings certain
comforts that you cannot feel any-
where else. The same is true of an
organization such as our Church.
Since 1907 (really 1897) Memphis,
Tennessee has been home for the
Church of God In Christ. Our
national temple is there, our beloved
Founder is buried there and for
102 years the church gathered
there on a yearly basis for our
Annual Holy Convocation.

A few years before his
death, our former Presiding Bishop
G.E. Patterson predicted that the
time would come that we would
need to move from Memphis. As
you know there is no one facility
in Memphis large enough to house
all our activities and services
during Holy Convocation. There
are numerous buildings to accom-
modate all of the Saints. However,
the history and culture of Memphis
cannot be duplicated. I just had a
flashback to those smoked turkey
legs. Please forgive me as I was
taken into the second heaven!

St. Louis provides more
than 502,000 contiguous square
feet, including the 80,000 seat
Dome, to house all of the services
and activities held during Holy
Convocation. There are also nu-
merous hotels that also have large
meeting spaces as well. Certainly
St. Louis has the capacity to house
us. I would be remiss if I did not
speak to our nine years in St.
Louis. St. Louis has been a won-
derful host city for us and the fact
is that dates are causing the move.

St. Louis city officials
rolled out the red carpet for us
each year. The Convention and
Visitor's Bureau work very well
with our Office of Conferences,
Events & Travel. The staff of The
America's Center made sure that
they were more than gracious and
accommodating.

There is no doubt that St.
Louis pulled out all of the stops
to make COGIC welcome over



the past nine years. We thank and will miss everyone who worked with us including resident General Board Member, Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten and all of the area churches. It is important to note that it is estimated that in the last nine years, COGIC has had an

make a difference. COGIC Cares has had numerous events, including a health fair, a job fair, community clean-up and elementary and school visits. More than 13,500 people have been fed, received clothing, hair cuts, school supplies and more through Christmas In

Harrison Mason preached many sermons, prayed many prayers and exhorted the Saints to live a life separated by God. It is not the place that many of great grandparents, grandparents, even parents grew in the admonition of the Lord. It is not the place where we

Since 1907 (really 1897), Memphis, Tennessee has been home for the Church of God In Christ.

economic impact of more than \$225 million dollars, an yearly average of \$25 million. To God be the Glory!

Bishop Charles Edward Blake is to be commended for his leadership in making the difficult decision to leave Memphis after 102 years. The team that he assembled has made the move smooth to say the least. With this move, Bishop Blake also wanted to see COGIC have a lasting impact on the greater St. Louis area. He encouraged our departments to

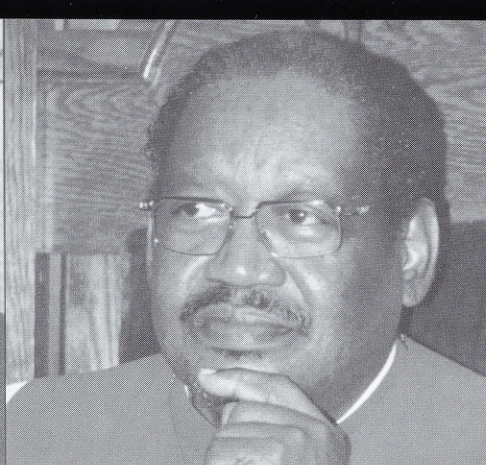
November held on the campus of Greater Williams Temple.

The Department of Evangelism reports that in the last nine years, 135,000 tracts have been handed out, more than 1,620 people have received salvation and another 1,000 have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Countless numbers have come to Christ through prison and street ministry.

However, St. Louis is not home. It has become a temporary home but it is not home. It is not the place where our Bishop Charles

experienced the likes of Bishops James Seth Bailey, O.T. Jones, Sr. F.D. Washington, Ithiel Clemmons, J.O Patterson, Louis Henry Ford, Chandler David Owens Gilbert Earl Patterson and our current Presiding Bishop Charles Edward Blake. Nor is it the place where women like Mothers Lizzie Robinson, Lillian Brooks Coffey, Dr. Annie Bailey, Annie McGlothen, Emma Crouch, Willie Mae Rivers, Dr. Arenia C. Mallory or Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis led the women and all present into





the Holies of Holies.

I remember distinctly when the subject of the move of Holy Convocation from Memphis was discussed, Bishop Blake said that it was never anticipated that we would be gone forever. As a matter of fact, Bishop Blake and the other leaders of the Church attempted to take our other conventions to Memphis. However, with most of our conventions occurring during an holiday period, Memphis was not able to accommodate.

For those not present in the General Assembly, you may be wondering how we got to this point. It is simple, St. Louis could not host the Church in 2021 due to a previous contractual arrangement with another group. Bishop Blake and those responsible for convention planning approached Memphis about the possibility. A contract was negotiated and approved by the General Assembly. No, there will not be one place

housing all of our activities and services. However, I remember going to our family home for reunions ... it was so small and somewhat tight; however, the love and excitement of being with family made it all better. Will we have to make some adjustments...yes. Will we have to travel some...yes. Will we have those smoked turkey legs ... they better!

The current mayor of Memphis said on his Twitter account on November 12th, "Since taking office in 2016, my team, working alongside Memphis Tourism, has worked hard and made it a priority to bring the COGIC Convocation back to the City of Memphis. Let me the first to say welcome home!" Memphis, within the last few years, has turned up the intensity of their attempts to have COGIC come home.

The return to Memphis has been welcomed by several people including a business owner on Main Street in Downtown Mem-

phis. "I used to tell people I could do enough business in that month (of the Convocation) to pay my rent for a year," said Joe Yates who has owned a business downtown for 30 years.

Bishop Blake said at the time of the move, "Very soon we will be back." 2021 has been designated as that "very soon" time. It is always good to come home for truly, there is no place like home. COGIC will remain in the City of St. Louis through the 2020 Holy Convocation.

Indeed....The Saints Are Coming (Home)!

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RECAP & REVIEW

The 111th Holy Convocation

By Elder David-George Newsome

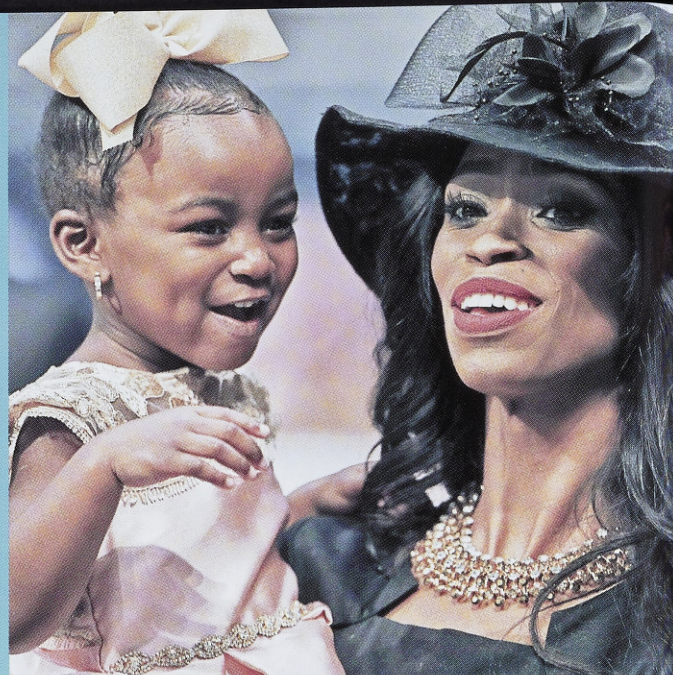
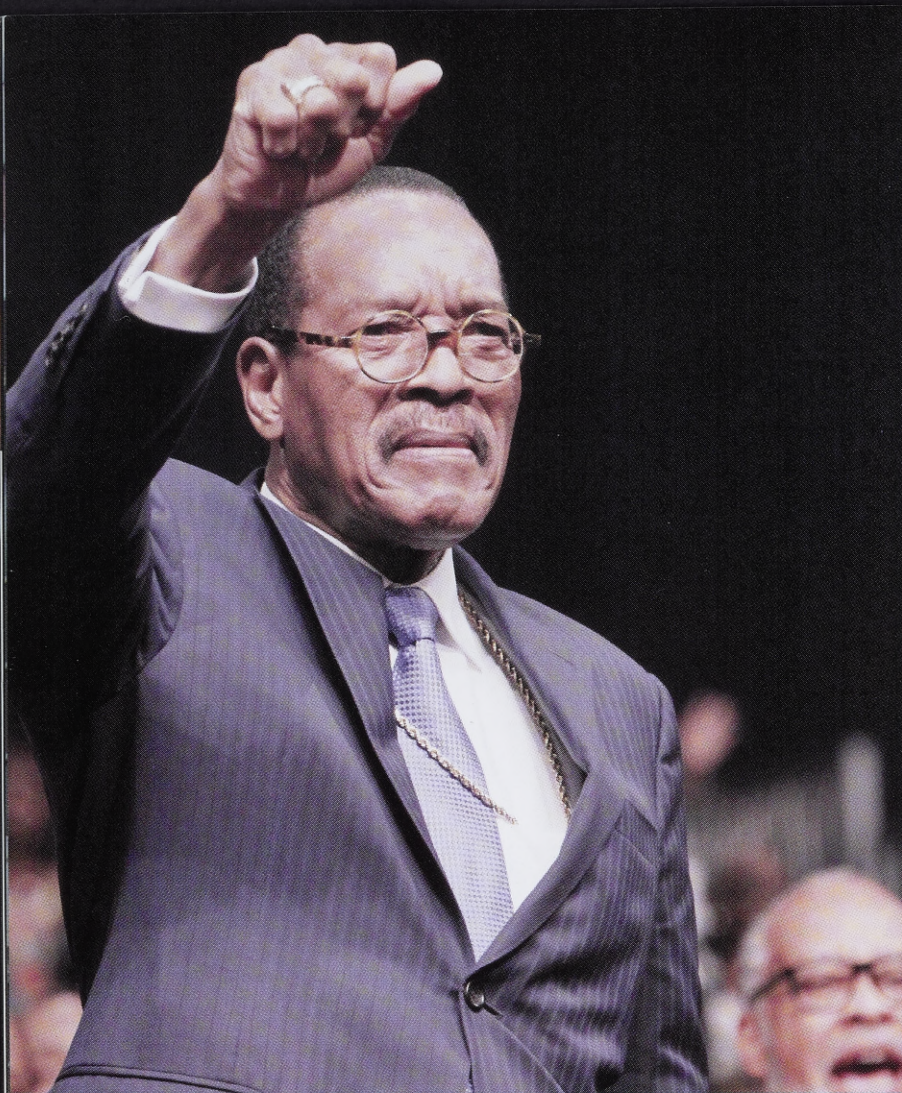


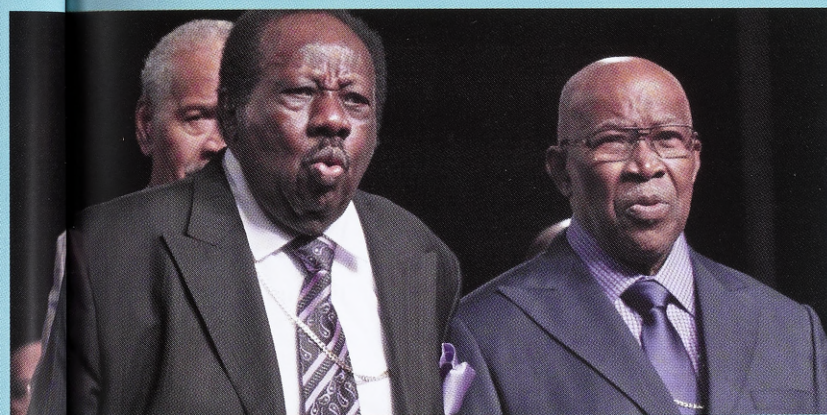
“BEHOLD, HOW
GOOD AND HOW
PLEASANT IT IS
FOR BRETHREN
TO DWELL
TOGETHER IN
UNITY!”



This familiar passage found in Psalm 133 perfectly describes the events of the 111th International Holy Convocation. Think about it for a moment...for 111 years COGIC saints have gathered for more than a week to collectively praise God for His goodness, and to fellowship with one another. We have heard and witnessed stories of reunion and even marriage as the annual gatherings are held. Even our own Presiding Bishop met his lovely wife nearly 60 years ago at one of these gatherings. Most of the attendees look forward, with great anticipation, to gathering with the saints. The saints literally come from all over the world to participate in services, classes and meetings to be edified







and uplifted for another year of ministry. From the pre-musical with Dr. Judith Christie-McAllister, to the all-night prayer session led by Evangelist Frances Kelley and the Prayer Team, Men and Women's Day Services, to the Lord's Day Worship Service, and to the Final Prayer by the Presiding Bishop at the close of the General Assembly, there are more than 16 services, 200 classes, and many departmental experiences for those who attend Holy Convocation.

From 1907 until 2009 (102 years), the Annual Holy Convocation was held in our International Headquarters city of Memphis, Tennessee. The Word of the Lord to Bishop Charles Harrison Mason came true many years prior to 2009. The Lord told Bishop Mason that there would not be a place large enough to house the Church. Some 111 years, 6.5 million members, 12,000 churches and 100 countries later, The America's Center in St. Louis became the mobile temple for The Church Of God In Christ, Inc., in 2010. An estimated 50,000 people attended the 111th Annual Holy Convocation throughout the more than week-long event.

Guided by the 2018 theme, "The Church Seasoning the World," one look at the schedule for Convocation and one quickly realizes that the Church of God In Christ is one active denomination! Most attendees will tell you that Holy Convocation is not a typical vacation in any sense of the word. It is a time of rejuvenation, renewal and recharging for another year of service to God by representing Him in the world. With six major departments and many other auxiliaries, the week was full of exciting events. In addition, there were more than 200 classes and meetings held throughout Holy Convocation. Wow...we are busy!

Some of the highlights of the week included:

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM (IDOE)

11/11/40 has become the guide to pre-convocation planning in prayer and fasting – praying for 11 requests, 11 minutes a day for 40 Days. The IDOE distributes a prayer guide in preparation for Holy Convocation. In addition, there are prayer calls and

other collective opportunities to seek the Lord's blessing for the success of Holy Convocation.

President Elijah Hankerson and staff planned many outreach and evangelistic events throughout the week. The IDOE actually commenced before the convocation even began by ministering at jails and prisons in the greater St. Louis area. Several services were held reaching hundreds of men and women with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. Street teams were deployed to many of the distressed areas of the city, charged with sharing the Gospel with as many men, women, boys and girls as possible. These street teams also invited thousands of residents to the services of the Church Of God In Christ. The IDOE continues to lead the evangelistic charge for our entire denomination.

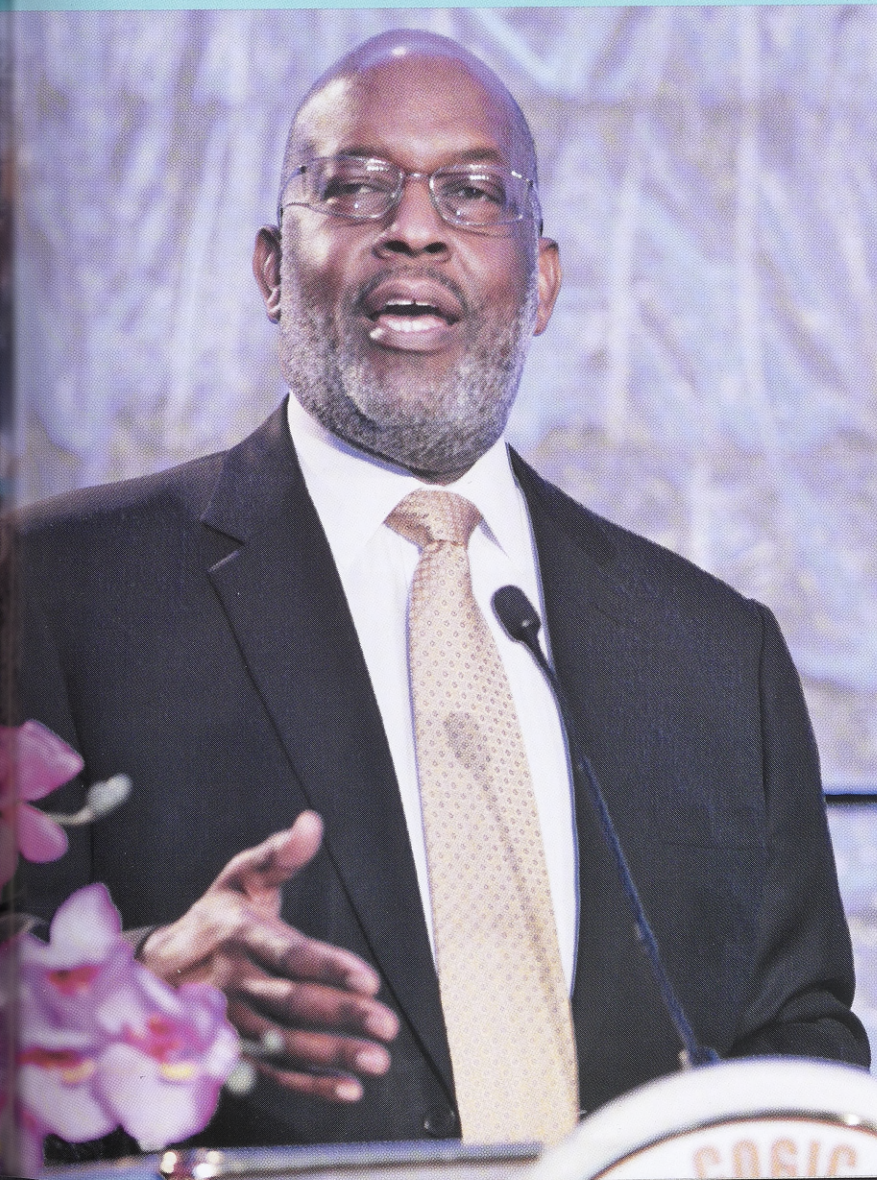
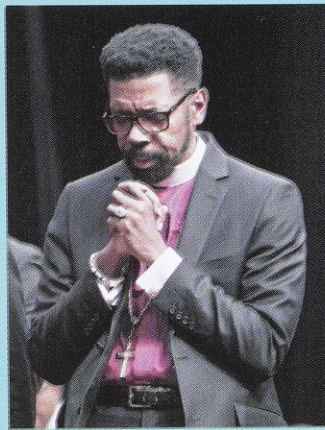
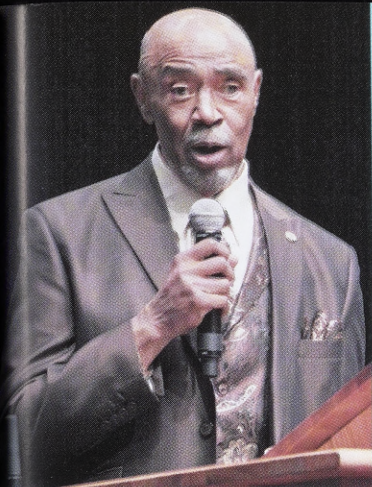
Revival Fire Services, sponsored by the IDOE, have also become popular. These services are held after the main service. The following includes the report of the efforts during Holy Convocation 2018:

- The 135,000th Door Hanger (since 2010) with the Gospel Message was distributed in St. Louis this year. This number reflects 50% of the population of St. Louis.
- The Prayer Walk was held again this year, offering prayer to consecrate the area surrounding The America's Center.
- College Campus Ministries are now on 47 college and university campuses.
- 180 Souls were claimed for Jesus through efforts during Holy Convocation.
- More than 100 backsliders returned to the Lord.
- More than 60 people were baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost.

COGIC CARES EVENTS

The Presiding Bishop has expressed his desire for the Church to impact the areas in which we serve. To this end, several community-





mind events were planned for the week.

JOB FAIR — More than 40 employers and 500 plus job seekers attended the COGIC Job Fair held on Thursday. Some employers were hiring on the spot and several of the local residents were able to get jobs the same day! Many of the employers have a national presence, so COGIC members were able to make connections in St. Louis for their own hometowns.

HEALTH FAIR — Approximately 30 health providers were on-hand to distribute information to improve the health of the saints. There was an emphasis on blood pressure, diabetes, breast cancer for women, prostate cancer for men, and having a healthy diet. Free consultations and materials were distributed to the saints as well.

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER — In cooperation with Williams Temple COGIC and other churches in the area, nearly 2,000 people were served in a variety of ways: haircuts, toys for children, clothes for those in need, a very nice meal, etc. This is always an exciting event held on the Saturday preceding The Lord's Day Worship service.

COGIC CHARITIES BANQUET

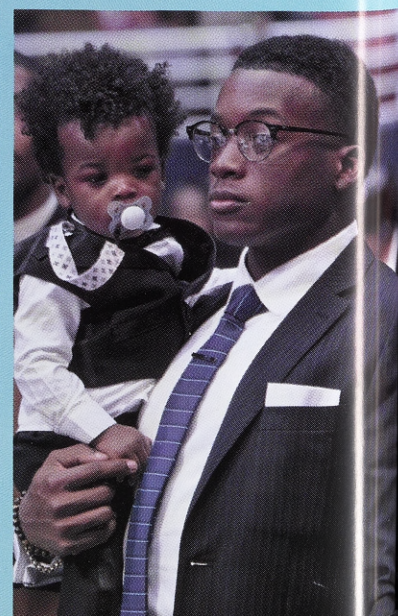
On Saturday afternoon, more than 700 people gathered in The Renaissance Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel for the Annual COGIC Charities Presiding Bishop's We Care Banquet. This annual event raises funds to give scholarships to young people from all over the world. This year's guest speaker was Bernard Tyson, President and Chairman of Kaiser Permanente and proud member of the Church Of God In Christ. Kaiser Permanente (KP) is headquartered in Oakland, California and was founded in 1945. KP includes three groups: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, and Permanente Medical Groups. KP operates in eight states:

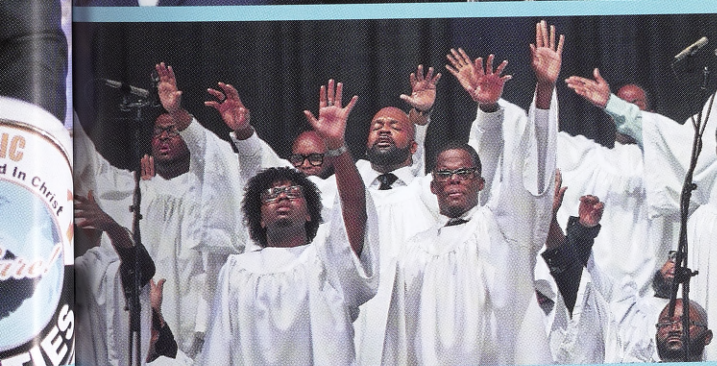
Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Maryland, Virginia and Georgia, as well as Washington, DC. KP's revenue exceeds \$72B dollars with nearly 210,000 employees. There are 11.7 million health plan members, 21,275 physicians, 54,072 nurses, 39 medical centers and 720 medical facilities. Tyson became the KP Chairman in 2013 after serving as president and CEO since 2010.

Tyson shared practical and moving stories about being led by God and the success that came as a result. He reiterated a very funny story about his parents and a stay at a hotel. Tyson wanted his parents to have the best and encouraged them to order room service for breakfast. When he returned and checked on them, they hadn't eaten because the cheapest thing on the menu was oatmeal at \$12 a bowl. Tyson assured his dad that he could afford a \$12 bowl of oatmeal, to which his father replied, "You can now, but if you keep eating \$12 bowls of oatmeal, you'll be broke!" Needless to say, the audience laughed for quite some time.

The Clark Sisters provided the music for the evening and what a treat it was for all present. The Clark Sisters transcend musical time and always deliver an anointed, soul-stirring ministry of music.

More than \$50,000 in scholarships was awarded to high school and college students as a result of the funds raised from the various efforts of COGIC Charities. Additionally, COGIC Charities has been present to aid during natural disasters in the U.S. and around the world.



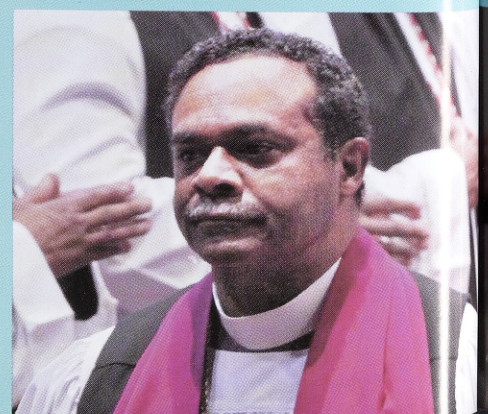
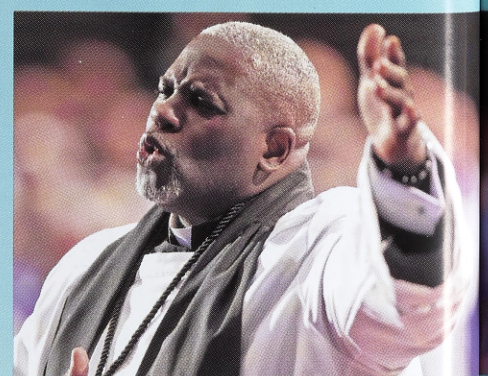


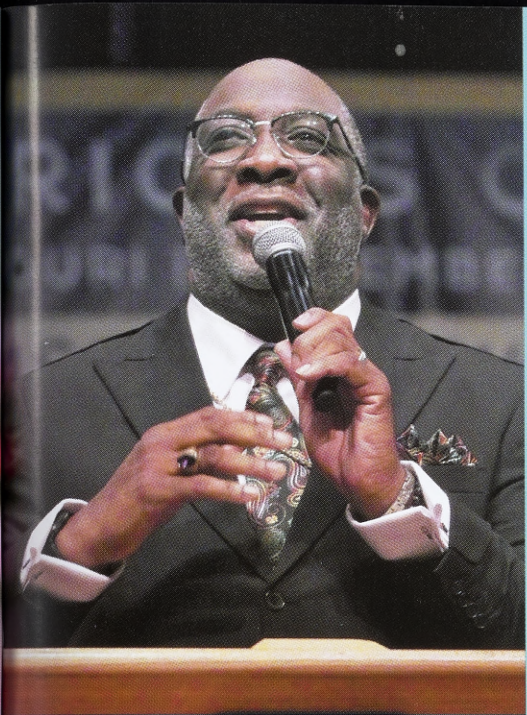
MORNING GEMS WITH LADY MAE

On Saturday morning during Holy Convocation, the hottest ticket item is the session with the First Lady of the Church Of God In Christ, Lady Mae Lawrence Blake. More than 3,000 women leaders packed into the venue to hear Lady Mae share simple, life lessons that she has learned over the years being a pastor's wife and first lady of COGIC. Using her nearly 50 years of experience and her natural wit, she kept the crowd engaged for more than an hour. Her husband of more than 50 years, Presiding Bishop Blake, made a surprise visit and had wonderful and glowing words about his "secret weapon!" It has been said that Lady Mae blushed a little. This event has become a highlight for those attending convocation and is always a distinguished sellout!

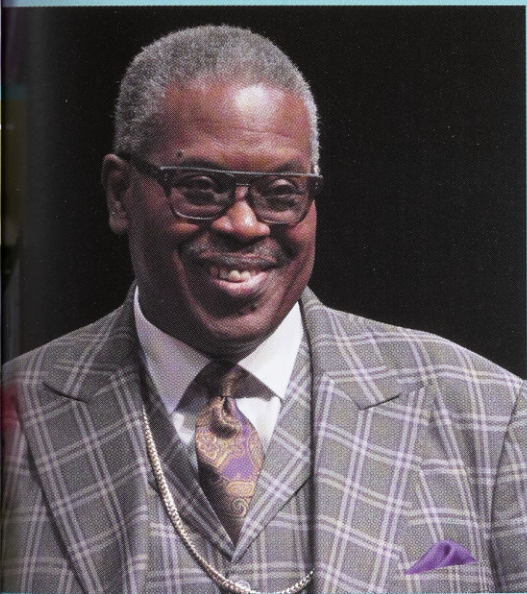
PRAISE REVISITED II

Another highlight this year was a special late-night musical on Thursday evening. Since the inception of Dr. Judith Christie McAllister's service as president and minister of music for the International Music Department (IMD), she has been asked to do a concert as she is known around the world as Queen of Praise & Worship – a well-earned title. Dr. McAllister is in high demand across the country as a clinician and lecturer on the importance of praise & worship as a lifestyle.



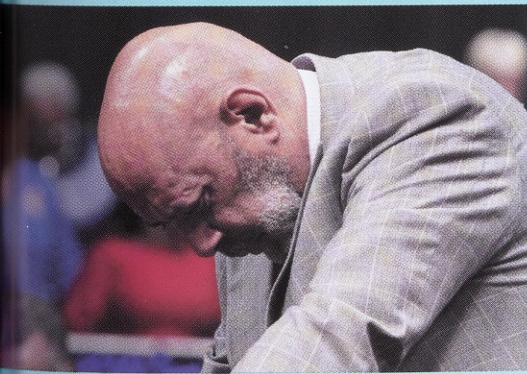


Dr. J, as she is affectionately known, rejected the calls for a concert for the first nine years because she did not feel that she had been released. "However, I clearly heard the voice of the Lord say that the time is now to go forth." That was 2017. Fast forward to 2018 where Dr. J held "PRAISE REVISITED II" - also on Thursday evening. What a powerful night of praise and worship experienced by a capacity crowd. Who knows, next year there may be a recording...stayed tuned.

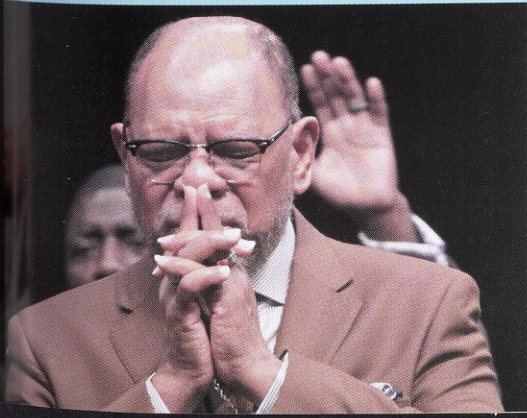


From all accounts from all present and the social media frenzy that followed, the worship experience glorified God in every way. It was a great evening in the very presence of the Lord, from the first note to the last. Dr. J has been and continues to be nothing short of a blessing to the corporate worship of our International Church.

COGIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY



While it is true that we have great services and opportunities to serve the community, we also take care of the business of the Church. The General Assembly met on Monday and Tuesday toward the closing end of Holy Convocation.



The major item before the General Assembly was the approval of the 2019-2020 budget. Another item included the election of the chairman and vice chairman for the General Assembly. Chairman Bishop Lemuel Thuston was re-elected as chairman. After a run-off with Supervisor Diana

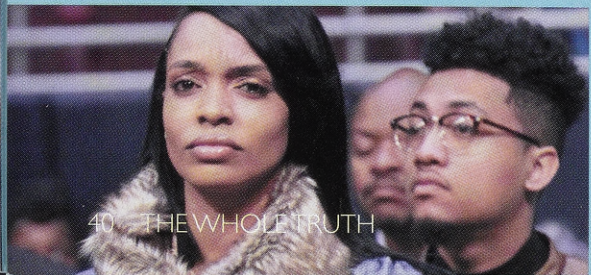
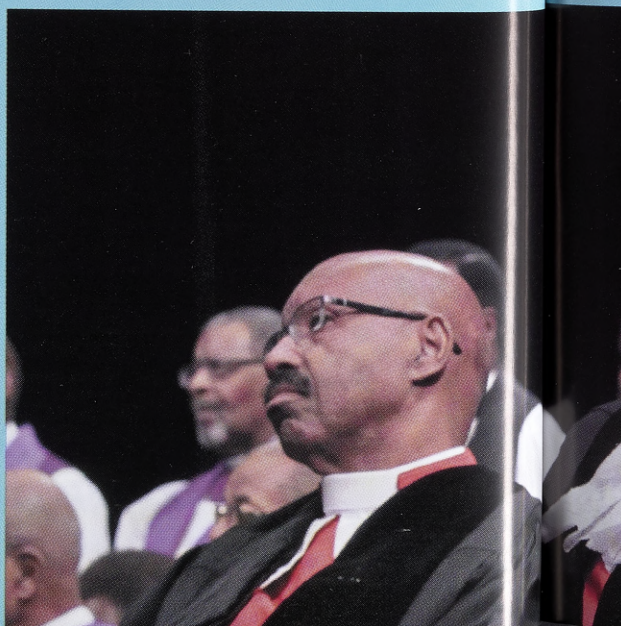
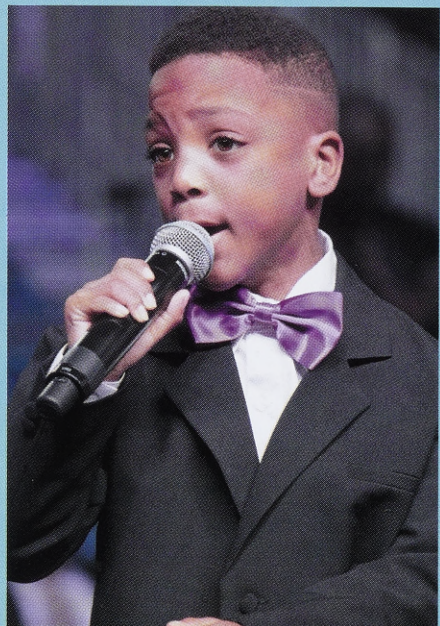
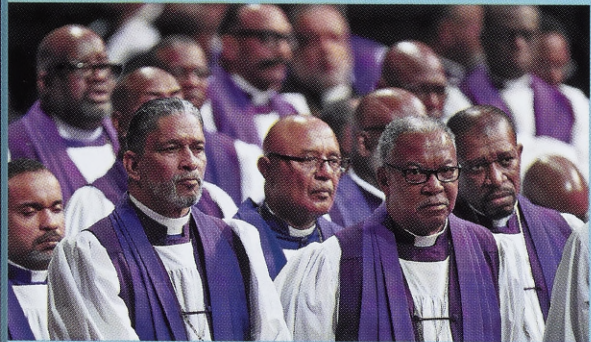
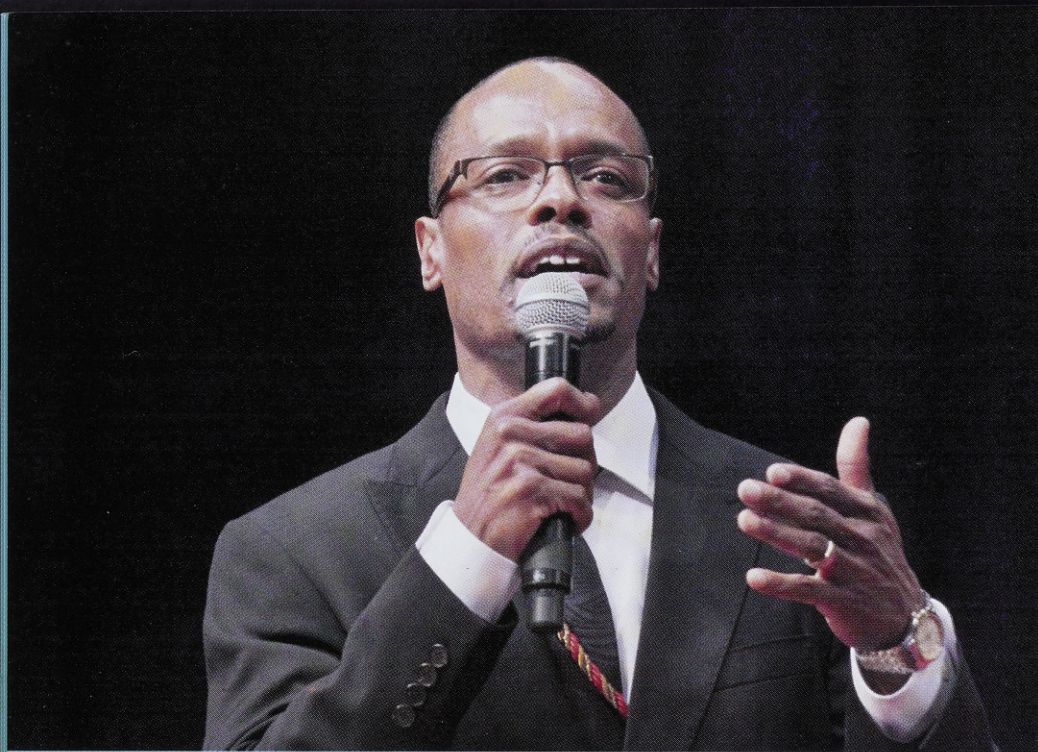
Banks of Maryland, Bishop Jerry Maynard was re-elected as vice chairman. However, the MAJOR decision made, that is being discussed by many, is the fact that COGIC will be returning to the city of Memphis in 2021, 2022 and 2023 for Holy Convocation. For further information, please refer to the article regarding our return to Memphis in this current issue of TWT.

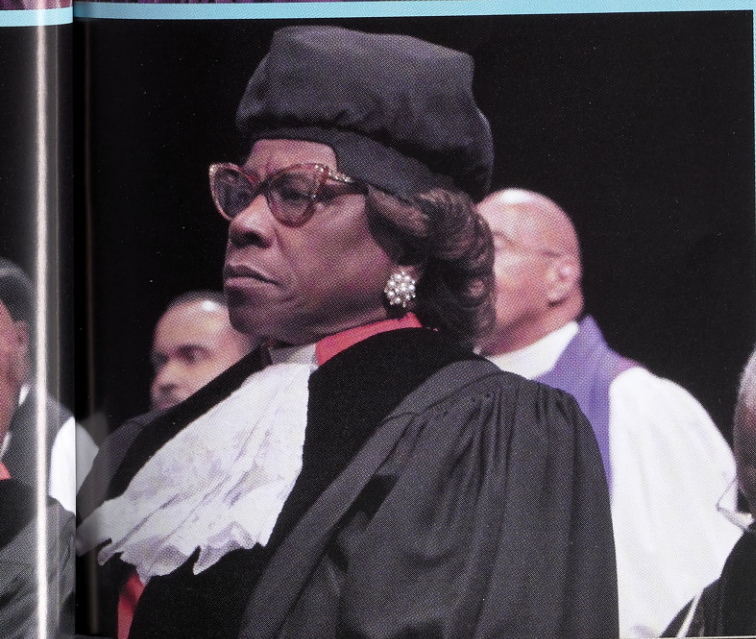
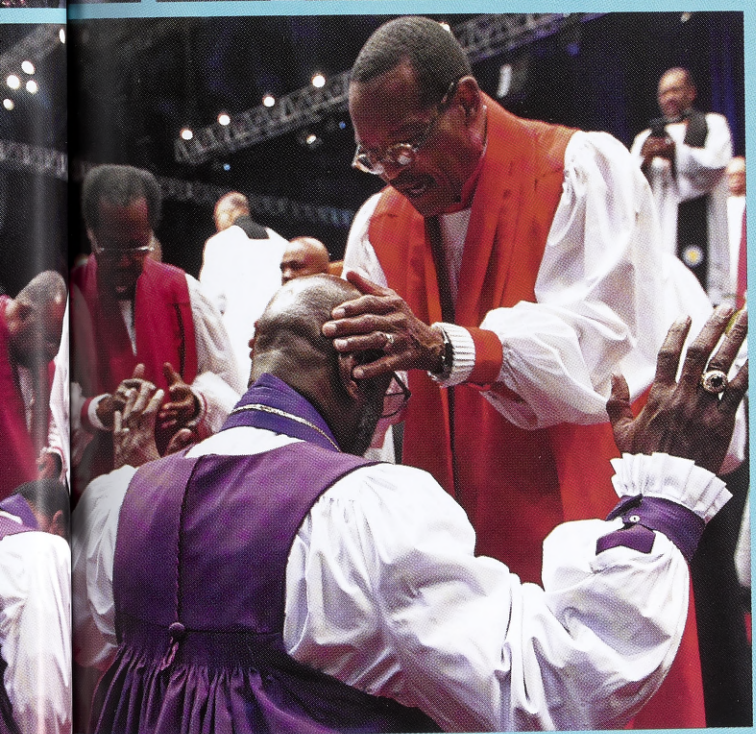
SERVICES, GLORIOUS SERVICES

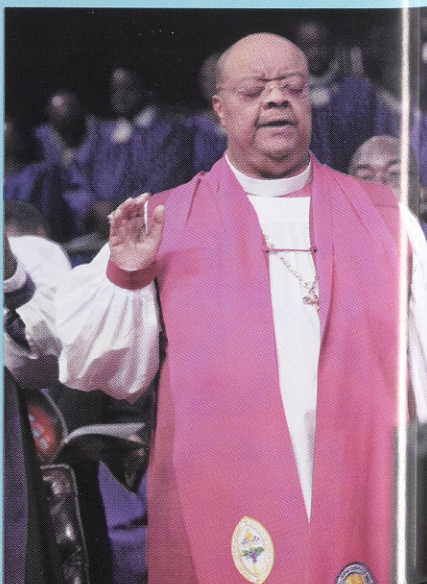
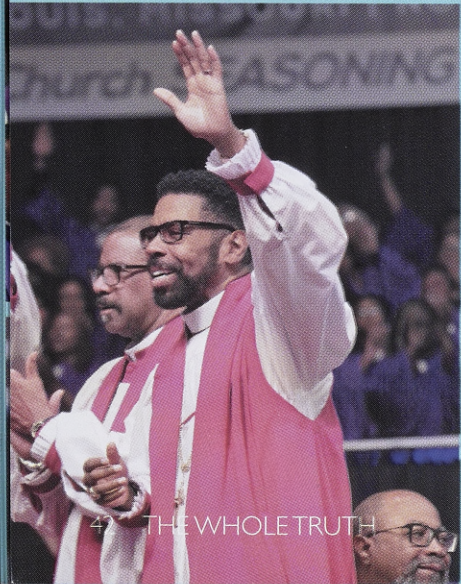
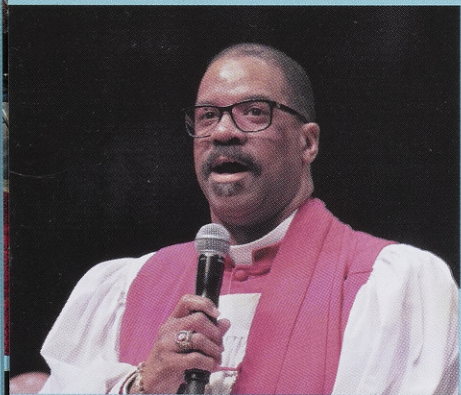
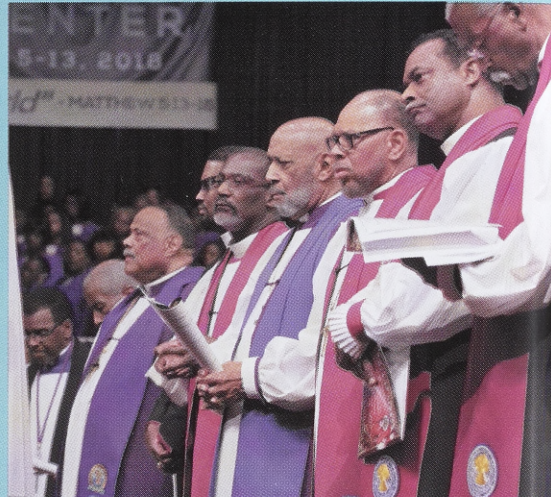
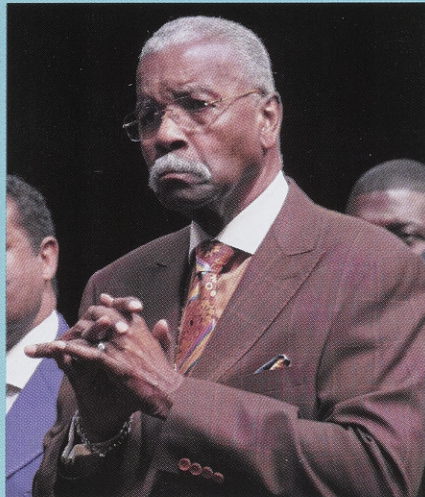
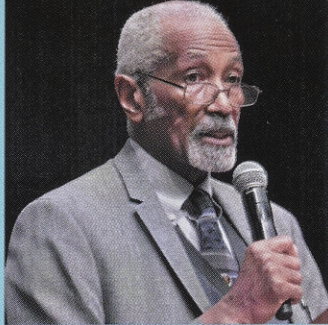
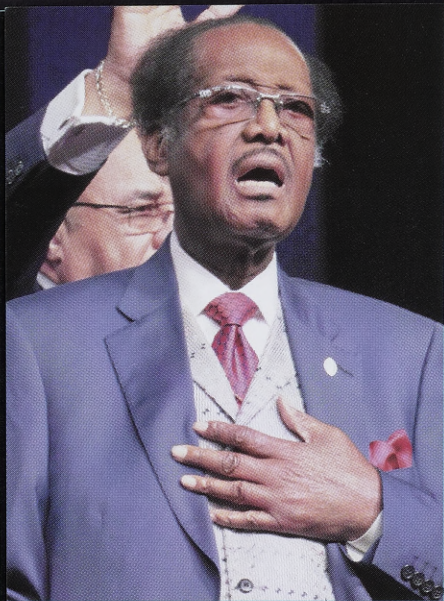
From the first service on Tuesday morning to the last service on Sunday evening, God met us each and every time. The messages were outstanding! Dr. Judith Christie McAllister and the IMD truly ministered from the depths of their souls during each service; the ministry of helps: Ushers, Nurses, Greeters, Adjutants and Security were ready with invaluable assistance to the saints in attendance; and The America's Center staff allowed us the sanctuary of fellowship and worship.

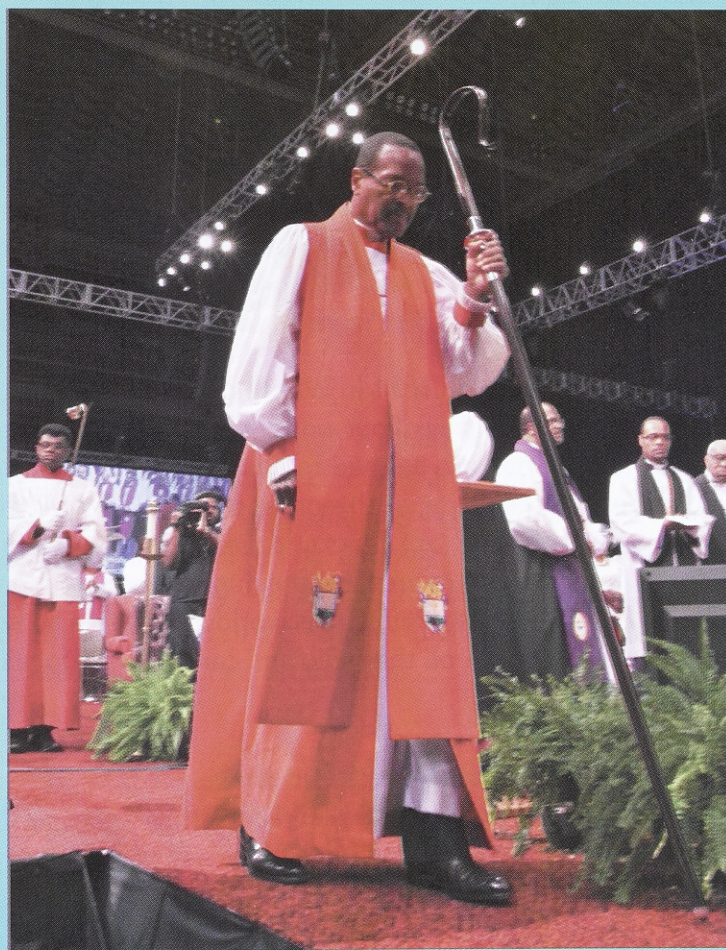
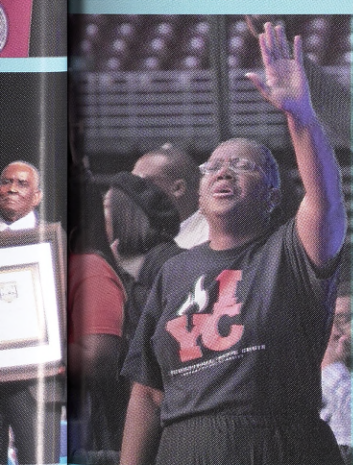
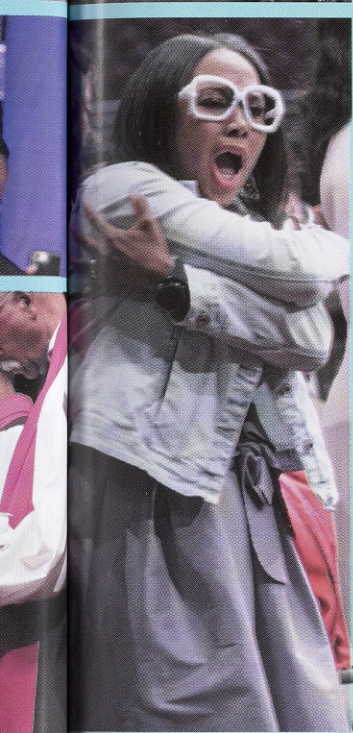
Praise filled the temple in extraordinary and mighty ways! Of course, the temple is The America's Center. Bishop Timothy Clarke was this year's ecumenical speaker. Many familiar faces from COGIC also brought powerful messages: Bishop Patrick Wooten, Bishop Don W. Shelby, and Superintendent Matthew Brown, just to name a few.

The highlight of all services, of course, is the Lord's Day Celebra-









tion held on Sunday morning. This is the time when we hear from our Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle, His Eminence, The Most Reverend Charles Edward Blake, Sr. After years of having services in 4 different venues, the saints now worship in one facility. Nearly 50,000 people worshipping God together is a tremendous experience. The music was anointed, including the Anthem of Praise. The praise was truly glorious. The pinnacle of the service was the word delivered by the Presiding Bishop. Bishop Blake preached an astounding word to the saints to encourage us all to continue doing the work of the ministry, complete with details as to how to impact our communities for Jesus Christ.

As you can tell from this brief recap and review....our church is YET alive and well and doing great things for God and His Kingdom! The Church Of God In Christ is looking forward to 2019 as *"God's Unlimited Power Makes Unlimited Accomplishments Possible"* (Ephesians 1:15-23 and Ephesians 3:20). Please make every attempt to be part of the various events and conventions being held this year. Be blessed, one and all. **TWT**

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***Kelsey Temple in Honor of the Rightful Elder Fred D. Morris Sr.
A Good and Faithful Servant of the Lord***

By: Ms. Joan F. Kelsey/Media Ministry



We here at Kelsey Temple Church of God in Christ in Washington, D.C., want to give a shout out, to celebrate the life and legacy of our wonderful pastor elder Fred D. Morris & first lady Martha Morris. They are blessed to have two sons and two daughters in laws, working closely by their side, at this great church. Elder Morris has pastored here for more than twenty-five (25) years and we are most grateful. Pastor Morris has been planted in the DC metro area, for the duration of his tenure as pastor here. He has traveled extensively. His ministry is worldwide with a heavy internet presence. He also has a regular spot on the radio and can be heard locally on 1220am and worldwide on WFAX.com.

Prior to his move to Washington, D.C., Pastor Morris resided in Birmingham, Alabama. On May 31st, 1950 he traveled to Cleveland, Ohio to make a permanent home for himself. After a very short stay in Cleveland, Ohio, in July of 1950 God sent him to Washington, D.C., where he has faithfully served doing the work of the Lord. He firmly believes and expounds to anyone "holiness is the best life!" One of his favorite passages of scripture, Romans 12:1 proclaims—"I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." He would eventually become the spiritual leader of Kelsey Temple.



Elder Morris has been at Kelsey Temple for more than sixty-eight (68) years and has pastored there for twenty-five (25) years plus. In the long history of our beloved Kelsey Temple established in 1923, pastor Fred D. Morris Sr., is the second person to stand in and serve as senior pastor. His leadership succeeded our late founder and pastor bishop Samuel Kelsey. In honor of the late bishop Kelsey, Pastor Morris lead a ceremonial name change of our church, from Temple Church of God in Christ to Kelsey Temple Church of God in Christ and the entire 1400 block of Park Road NW was named Bishop Samuel Kelsey Way.

Pastor Morris has brought many southern values with him to the big city. He attributes his spiritual foundation to the pillars and influencers in his life that embedded in him a passion for the word of God. His parents made sure their family of seven children were rooted and grounded in the word, affording them a solid spiritual upbringing. Because of this commitment, Pastor Morris was blessed to be filled with the holy ghost at the age of twelve (12). He was later called into the ministry in 1964.

His life carried him through educational training at various institutions. Pastor Morris served time in the U.S. Military from March 1953 to March 1955. At a time in American history when life was not kind to black folks. But pastor Morris was not deterred, he served his country faithfully. During his professional career, he would enjoy many years working in a variety of capacities with the federal government. Overall, he has demonstrated tremendous strength, resilience and commitment in all his endeavors.

Pastor Morris has served in many positions, on numerous committees with the Church of God in Christ. And has played an active role in supporting countless community events and civic organizations. Representative Eleanor Holmes of Washington, D.C., recently honored him for his pastoral service. Pastor Fred D. Morris Sr. is a true testament to living and practicing what one preaches and the members of Kelsey Temple Church of God in Christ in Washington, D.C., would like to express our appreciation for his many years of service.



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By Evangelist DeLisa Reed



"Or didn't you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don't you see that you can't live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So, let people see God in and through your body." (I Corinthians 6:20, MSG)

Our ministerial leaders, most importantly, our pastors, are more vital to the church today than ever before. All would agree that turbulent times all over the land require much prayer, fasting, and application of the Word of God due to living in a sinful world full of brokenness. And, while a pastor is called to shepherd a flock, what would happen to the flock if the shepherd wasn't healthy? It is imperative that one understands that an effective hands-on ministry does not only require a spiritual fervor, but a physical energy that allows for tackling the weights of those who are served.

Weight gain, stress, diabetes, arthritis, asthma, heart disease, and other chronic conditions, such as colon cancer, prostate cancer and kidney disease are stripping our pulpits and platforms of some of the most prolific gospel preachers and teachers of this day.

While all sickness may not be unto death, congregations, regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status, are suffering due to leaders who are unable to operate at full capacity within their ministries.

Studies show that more than 75 percent of American preachers are overweight, many to the point of obesity. The National Institute of Health defines "overweight" as a waist circumference greater than or equal to 40" for men or 35" for women. This is more than a vanity problem as they are at a much higher risk for preventable death. Obesity (34.9%) is not only lethal, it is also expensive. The medical costs last year for people who are obese were \$1,429 higher than those of healthy weight.

Dr. Verdell Marsh, 2nd Vice-President of the International Nurses Unit of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., stated that unfortunately, in some cases, our leaders will not address their health issues until it becomes a crisis situation. "They want to wait on the Lord to heal, not realizing the Lord has put in place medical professionals that can help in the healing process. We must be vigilant in utilizing the tools God has given us." While there is absolutely nothing wrong with waiting on our healing, utilizing

wisdom during the waiting process is extremely important when it comes to our health.

Obesity leads to a myriad of conditions. Strokes and heart attacks are the leading illnesses that are brought on by hypertension, and even diabetes. Dr. Marsh stated that a blood pressure that reads 120/80 is actually in the pre-hypertension stage and requires immediate attention (optimal blood pressure is below 120/80). She also noted that obesity doesn't begin to become an issue when a person is older, but is often the result of mis-managing food intake as a youth. This information comes to encourage everyone, especially our leaders, to take advantage of opportunities to get full physicals every year – even if you are feeling your best – and to embrace exercising, eating healthy, and getting plenty of rest.

It is extremely important to rest the mind by managing your time. Mental fatigue can be just as challenging as physical fatigue. Utilizing time to rest the mind by delegating responsibilities, balancing your workload, and setting time aside for family, are vital to prevent mental AND physical fatigue.

The facing page contains a typical work schedule or daily plan. For pastors, it assumes no funerals, no weddings, no crises, or speaking engagements. As a rule of thumb, it is good to refrain from technology, phone calls, etc., during rest and sermon preparation times, pending an emergency. The sample schedule can be utilized or revised to help ministry leaders better balance their time.

Notice that within the planning grid, time has been blocked, not only for the spiritual responsibilities a leader has, but for the physical and mental responsibilities that should be priority in helping to stay physically fit and mentally/emotionally well. Also, there is 'open' time within the table that provides for flexibility in scheduling. However, the main purpose of the grid is to encourage ministry leaders to plan their time in order to maintain optimal health and wellness.

According to Dr. Marsh, "Your health and wellness are integral to your total well-being. Without good health and high-level wellness, the quality and quantity of life may be limited. With them, life can be more meaningful and purposeful in carrying out the will of God. Health and wellness also include spiritual well-being, which is vital to total well-being and affects all the other components—spirit affects the mind, and the mind affects the body. To be most

effective in Kingdom-building, a saint needs a healthy spirit, mind, and body.”

Keep in mind, wellness does not mean that there is complete absence of disease or infirmity. But rather, it is proper management of disease and infirmities by taking proper measures to treat symptoms and prevent exacerbations, all while maintaining the highest level of well-being, according to Dr. Marsh.

Okay, let’s spiritualize this concept. Because sin entered the world through disobedience, so did illnesses and diseases. However, just as God had a plan to regenerate man, He also has provided means for restoring health and preventing illness. Indeed, by His stripes we are healed. Thus, healing and prevention of disease can be a miracle, or can come by

God’s provision through medical treatment of illness/injury, early detection, and healthy living (diet, exercise, sleep and stress reduction).

Ron Edmondson, CEO of Leadership

Network and a former pastor with over 35 years of experience in organizational leadership, wrote an article entitled

‘10 Questions to Assess the Health of a Pastor’

These questions can also apply to leaders, both male and female. Nevertheless, take time to ponder each question. Two or more negative answers warrants concern and requires some intentional steps to becoming a healthier you:

- Do you discipline yourself with adequate time to pray, exercise and rest?
Would your family say you have adequate time with them; and do you agree?
- Do you sleep well at night; or do you consistently lose sleep?

- Do you feel able to accomplish all the church requires of you; or are you consistently overwhelmed?
- Do you make decisions out of confidence; or are you consistently living with fear, worry or regret for things you’ve done, want to do, or haven’t done?
- Do you have irrational worries or anxiety?
Are you having physical problems, such as excessive weight gain, headaches or muscle tension due to stress or inactivity?
- Do you frequently have thoughts that you are inadequate?
- Are you more irritable than you would like to be, less patient or do you have a “short-fused” temper?

Have you been more impulsive or irrational than usual? Have you felt more scattered with the decisions you make?

It takes healthy leaders to lead healthy ministries. Leaders who

serve long and well cultivate healthy habits, such as regularly scheduled time away from ministry responsibilities, a commitment to build their marriages, accountability with peers, and other practices that meet their personal, spiritual needs. In essence, healthy leaders minister from the overflow of their relationship with God, and they value that relationship as their number one priority.

So, on that note, please remember – LEADERS, take care of your FIRST temple, FIRST! We are all depending on you to do so! **TWT**

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 am	Prayer and Meditation						
7 am	CHURCH TIME!	EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE!!!!					
8 am		STUDY OR AD HOC PREPARATION			DAY OFF!!!	SERMON PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY MORNING & EVENING	
9 am							
10 am							
11 am		OPEN LUNCH 'ME' TIME!					
12 pm							
1 pm	REST & RELAXATION	VISITATIONS	OPEN	APPOINTMENTS OR STAFF MEETINGS			
2 pm			RELAX, RELATE, RELEASE, PREPARE				
3 pm			FAMILY TIME	BIBLE STUDY	OPEN		
4 pm							
5 pm							
6 pm	EVENING SERVICE			HOME	HOME	REST/PREPARE	TIME WITH FAMILY
7 pm			EVANGELISTIC SERVICE				
8 pm							
9 pm							
10 pm	HOME						

How to Identify Your Child's Learning Style

By Kimberly V. Porter, M. Ed.



All children have a natural way of processing information.

How they do that, however, depends on their specific learning style. Your child may learn best either by looking, touching, listening or doing. Knowing and understanding your child's learning style can help better inform your school choices and activities, and can give you a better idea of how to help shape your child's study habits and success in the classroom.

It is important for your child to have experiences that call all learning styles into play so that

they can succeed in kindergarten and beyond. When parents and teachers assist children in learning in the style that's most natural for them, they are more likely to develop the self-confidence necessary to master every learning style.

Read on to explore four learning types to see which best describes your child's style:

AUDITORY LEARNER

Auditory learners process information by hearing, listening, understanding and remembering things they have heard. Your child, if an auditory learner, stores information by the way that it sounds, and has an easier time understanding spoken instructions than written ones. Your child often learns by reading aloud because they have to hear it or

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speak it in order to learn it.

If your child is an auditory learner, she probably hums or talks to herself or others if she becomes bored. As a teacher, I often thought children were not paying attention even though they may be hearing and understanding everything being said.

VISUAL LEARNER

Visual learners learn best by reading or viewing pictures. These learners understand and remember things by sight. They can picture what they are learning in their head and learn best by using methods that are mainly visual.

This learning type likes to see what they a



learning and may often close their eyes to visualize or remember something. If they become bored, they are likely to find something to watch. They may also have difficulty with spoken directions and may be easily distracted by sounds. Visual learners may also be attracted to color and to spoken language, such as stories with pictures.

TACTILE LEARNER

Tactile learners are “hands-on” and learn by touching and doing. This learning type understands and remembers things through physical movement. If your child is a tactile learner, they prefer to touch, move, build or draw what they learn and tend to learn better when some type of physical activity is

involved.

A tactile learner needs to be active and take frequent breaks, often speaks with their hands and with gestures, and may have difficulty sitting still. They also like to take things apart and put things together and often tend to find reasons to tinker or move around when bored.

Tactile learners may be very well coordinated and have good athletic ability. Tactile learners can easily remember things that were done, but may have difficulty remembering what they saw or heard in the process. These learners often communicate by touching and appreciate physically expressed forms of encouragement, such as a pat on the back.

AURAL (AUDITORY- MUSICAL) LEARNER

As an aural learner, your child prefers using sound and music, as well as sensitivity to sounds from the environment, the human voice, and musical instruments. These learners tend to think in sounds and rhythmic patterns instead of words or pictures.

In summary, it is important to note that no child is exclusively one type of learner and may use multiple styles. I recommend that you work with your child’s teacher to share valuable insights and identify your child’s primary learning style. Together, you will better understand their learning strengths, as well as ways to enhance any potential weaknesses. **TWT**

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HAVE A HAPPY, BLESSED NEW YEAR

Practical Ways to Guarantee Great Success In 2019!

By Evangelist Missionary Marion McNair



“He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built” (Luke 6:48, NIV).

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yes, it's another year, and for many of us that means another resolution, another to do list or to be list, etc. Each year starts with absolute resolve to do better, to be better, to finish the course; however, no matter how committed you are, life happens. Listed below is a plan to guarantee you'll have a great, successful and a happy, blessed 2019.

1) Make a plan or set a goal with God in it.

“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans” (Proverbs 16:3).

Setting goals or making plans without consulting God is a waste of time, effort and energy. In order for your plan to be successful, you must put God in the equation. You must believe that the goals you desire to achieve are God-given and that He will help you accomplish them. Have you sought God's will for clarity about your plan? How relevant are your goals? Will your plan bring God glory or enhance your self-worth? Is it measurable, with a short and a long term vision? Have you written it out, along with the steps you need to achieve it? Have you posted the plan in a place where you will see it every day? Your plan should be time-sensitive; hold yourself accountable. What will you accomplish? Is your goal challenging enough to push you, but still realistic? Lastly, what will keep you motivated and excited about meeting your goal?

2) What changes are you willing to make to reach your goal?

“May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed” (Psalm 20:4).

Commit to meditating, reading the Bible and praying more in 2019. Acknowledging God for His wisdom and guidance each day is the greatest gift you can give yourself for clear direction for your life. Secondly, if you are not doing it already, you must take better care of yourself: physically, mentally and spiritually. Thirdly, write out a mantra - a statement that defines your core belief. Read it aloud to yourself every day, along with the 2019 list of goals you wish to accomplish, so that as your ears hear it, your mind will believe it, and your spirit gets into agreement with it. As an example, my mantra states: *“Today and every day, I bring balance, peace, joy, wisdom, harmony and strength into my life. Wonders never cease as the blessing of God, my source, my supply and my support, all run me down and overtake me as I freely give out of my abundance.”*



3) What habits or mindset do you need to shift to make your plan achievable?

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...” (Romans 12:2).

A habit that often keeps us from success is bad thinking. We have to overcome doubt and get rid of clutter because a cluttered, double-mindedness keeps us from being creative. Another habit that hinders us and needs a mindset shift is making excuses. A third habit we need to shift is allowing ourselves to get into arguments. The Bible tells us to live peacefully as much as possible with others. Fourthly, a habit or mindset shift we need is to become kinder to ourselves. Treat yourself with respect, dignity, gentleness, love and patience. Make a list of habits or mindsets that you want to shift to make your plan achievable.

4) What has your past taught you? List the things you want to keep and what to change.

We all have situations we wish we could do over - some because they were so good that we wish we could continue those good feelings. It is important that you list the things that brought you joy in 2018, the victories you've won, so that when or if you become discouraged about God meeting your 2019 goals, you'll remember what He has already done. You can use past testimonies to remind yourself or help someone else to believe and trust God for the new outcome.

On the other hand, there are situations we hope never to deal with ever again, perhaps because they ended badly or we simply wish to undo a mistake. Inevitably, we will make mistakes, but God wants us to learn from them and move on. Make a list of the things you want to change so that you don't repeat them. Remember, don't let your past hold you back from your success. As Apostle Paul stated, "...Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

5) Surround yourself with positive, faith-based people.

“The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:9, NKJV).

Everyone needs a good support system. Be creative. You are the president of your life and you need to establish a Board of Directors. Most people are very busy and may not have time to mentor you personally, but you can still gain wisdom and knowledge from them and they won't even know they're on your Board. These are people who are successful in their own right, such as Presiding Prelate, Bishop Charles and Lady Mae Blake, President Barack and Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, etc. Observe what they do and how they live their lives with authenticity, and do the same.

Also, you can look within the church or the community you live in to find people you can trust, someone who cares about you and who shares your hopes, dreams and concerns; a person who can mentor you and is safe. I said "safe" because not everyone can be your accountability partner or prayer partner. Take the time to find a positive person who will encourage you, give you wisdom and guidance, and who will hold you accountable on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis.

6) What or whom is standing in the way of your success?

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV).

One of the most heartbreaking situations you may encounter is when those blocking your success are friends and loved ones. It's not that they don't want to see you successful; it's that they don't want to see you hurt or disappointed. At times, their fears and doubts can be overwhelming, so it's best not to share too much too soon.

Another person standing in your way is YOU. Yes, you could also be blocking your success. For example, I am always dieting. At one time, I had lost about 25 pounds and my best friend never said a word about my weight loss. So one day I asked her if she had noticed it. She replied, “Yes, I did. But every time I compliment you on losing weight, you start regaining it, so I don't say anything, hoping you will continue on your diet.” Wow, what an enlightenment that was! I didn't know that compliments were causing me to sabotage myself. Think of something you may be doing to sabotage yourself. Make a list, then decide what you are willing to do to change the self-sabotaging behavior.

7) Find ways to express gratitude every day.

“I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds” (Psalm 9:1).

This past Christmas at my church, the Cathedral Chorale sang, “*What Will You Bring the King?*” The response was, “*I will bring Him worship. I will bring Him praise. I will give my life, over and over always.*” We should express our gratitude to God in everything that we say and do. Why? Because God has been good to us and we want to show Him our appreciation for all of the blessings He has bestowed upon our lives: good health, wealth, good jobs, great relationships, loving families, friendships, houses, land, cars and all that we need. A perfect way to express gratitude is by reaching out to help others. A heart of gratitude will take you places that all of the money in the world cannot.



“Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4)

I am grateful for the opportunity to write for this wonderful magazine, *The Whole Truth*. I look forward to seeing God do greater and mightier things in the lives of the saints. I see miracles and unexpected blessings. This year, 2019, let us bring God our best - our best in love and desire to please Him and serve His people. Let us strive to live in peace, harmony, love and joy. Let's remember that it is He who gives us the power to be successful in all that we plan to do. Let us pray for the world, our nation, our leaders, our communities, neighbors, family and friends.

Now, my prayer for you is that the LORD bless and keep you. I pray that the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. I pray that the LORD lift up “His countenance upon you, and give you peace in Jesus name” (Numbers 6:24-26, NKJV). Amen. God bless! **TWT**

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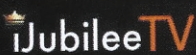
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- 1:19** and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe according to the working of His mighty power
- 1:20** which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the Dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.
- 3:20** Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us (NKJ).

BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE, SR. - PRESIDING BISHOP AND CHIEF APOSTLE

By Evangelist Missionary Queen E. Phillips

Our human limitations often cause us to magnify impossibilities rather than the possibilities. However, realizing the availability of God's unlimited power in our lives should do the opposite—magnify the possibilities rather than the impossibilities.

Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. has provided the 2019 theme for The Church of God In Christ to remind us that nothing is impossible to accomplish with God's unlimited power. This year's theme derives from Ephesians 1:18-20 and 3:20.

"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places..." (Ephesians 1:18-20).

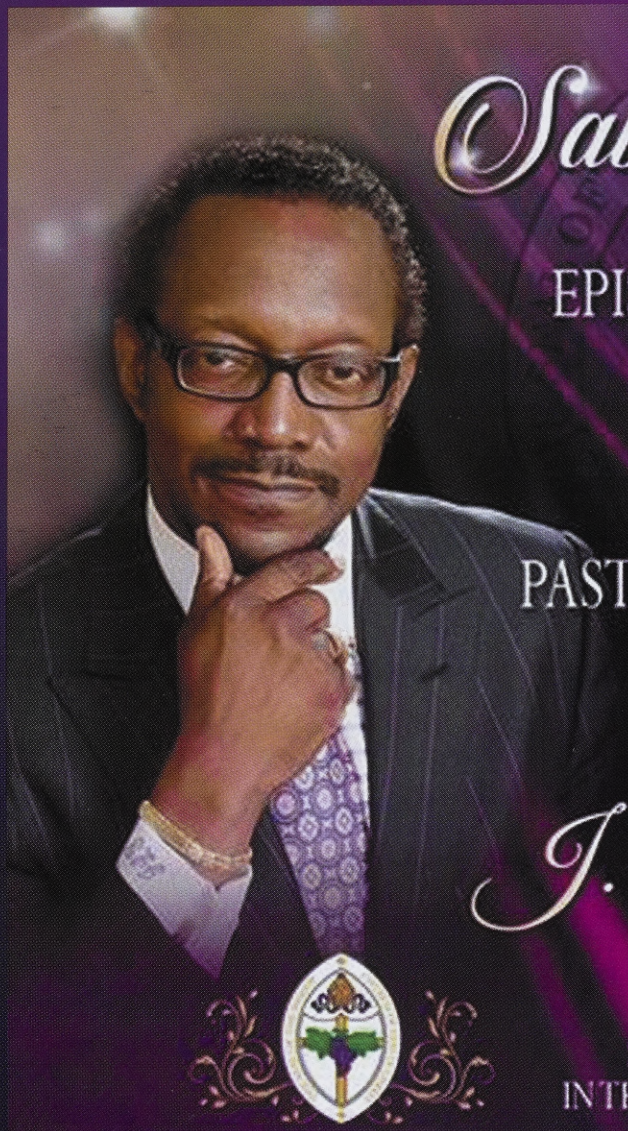
The above scriptures are Apostle Paul's prayer penned to the church at Ephesus from prison. He wanted them to understand and know who they were in Christ, what they had been given by the glorious grace of God the Father, and how they were to live in response to that amazing grace. Therefore, he prayed that God would give them spiritual wisdom and insight to comprehend the full depth of all that had been done for them by Christ. Moreover, he prayed that they would perceive the exceeding greatness of God's unlimited power available to them, which was the same power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor on the right hand of God the Father. Today, the relevancy of this prayer for spiritual insight and understanding, as well as the activation of God's unlimited power in our lives, is paramount in fulfilling Kingdom purpose.

Although we live in a hostile culture where Christians are seen as the powerless minority, and the Church of Jesus Christ is mocked, our theme reminds us, who believe, that we have the same supernatural power available to accomplish what appears impossible from man's perspective. Like Paul's prayer, we must continue to pray for spiritual wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God, that the eyes of our understanding may be opened to accomplish all the great works God has planned and purposed for the Kingdom.

Our ignorance (lack of knowledge) is a strategy that the enemy uses to deceive; however, knowing who we are in Christ, what we have, and the unlimited power of God to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (Ephesians 3:20) impedes the deceptive strategies of our opposers.

In 2019, instead of focusing on human limitations that magnify impossibilities, receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation of God's unlimited power that makes unlimited accomplishments possible.

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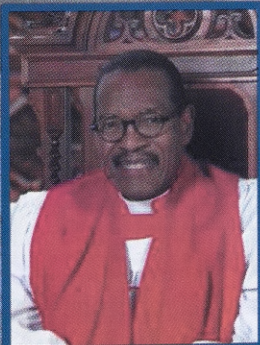
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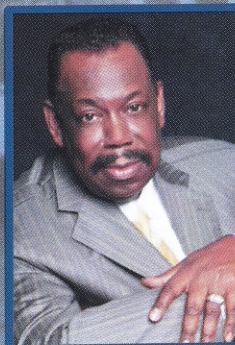
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Where Multiple Dreams Flourish

By Minister Reginald Boswell



Brazil, the 5th largest country in the world, has a diverse population of over 3 million people. Historically, Brazil became populated by many cultures from various backgrounds and has the largest population of people of color in the western hemisphere. Primed for Pentecostalism, Brazil experienced a powerful movement of the Holy Ghost that changed the lives of many former worshippers of voodoo, witchcraft, and the Orisha, which compromised the influence of Christianity within the country.

FIRST TEN YEARS

The Church of God in Christ hit the ground running in Brazil in 1985 with the arrival of Pastor Samuel Moore. Elder Moore conducted a one-week revival preaching holiness and sanctification and by 1986, property was acquired and COGIC was officially established in Brazil. In July 1993, the Youth on a Mission (YOAM) group arrived and proved to be a

potent catalyst in efforts to secure more property, implementing plans to build further. That same year, Evangelist Lee Van Zant arrived and organized the women's work in Brazil. By 1995, there were nine churches affiliated with COGIC representing 300 members. After experiencing nearly 100% growth over a period of ten years, Pastor Moore was elevated to the office of bishop and Mother

Van Zant to that of supervisor of women.

CURRENT LEADERSHIP

Bishop Terence P. Rhone

Brazil had 29 churches by 2000. Dr. Terence P. Rhone, a full-time physician, came to Brazil at the request of Bishop Samuel Moore in 2000 to preach for the first

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Youth Congress for the jurisdiction. At the time, Dr. Rhone was the president of the Southern California First Jurisdiction Youth Department (1996-2009). In 2004, Dr. Rhone was appointed by Bishop Moore to Auxiliary in Ministry (AIM) Chairman of COGIC Brazil. In 2012, after the demise of Bishop Moore on this earthly plane, Chairman Rhone was elevated to the office of bishop. Mother Van Zant, desiring to work the mission field elsewhere, resigned in 2013. Under the direction of Bishop Rhone, rapid growth ensued. Currently, COGIC Brazil consists of 80 churches in 12 ecclesiastical districts within 3 regions in the largest country in South America.

The AIM Convention was instrumental in bringing infrastructure to the jurisdiction. This convention gave birth to the Sunday School Department, Evangelism Department, and the Missions Department. Presently, Bishop Rhone



and his team are renovating a building that houses the Rescue for Life COGIC, the largest COGIC church in Brazil with nearly 600 members. The building also houses COGIC Brazil's jurisdictional headquarters.

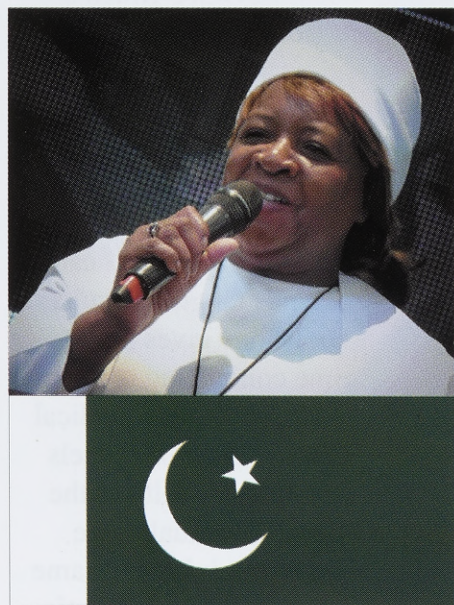
MEDICINE FOR THE SAINTS

From the bishop's heart extends tangible results. Dr. Rhone gives his time conducting medical outreach using a medical mobile clinic on wheels to minister health to the saints. Eventually, the medical ministry became a vehicle of evangelistic outreach that was instrumental in bringing souls into the Kingdom. Bishop Rhone happens to be bi-vocational. He is not only a pastor, but a physician who was been practicing for 21 years. He is board-certified in the disciplines of Internal and Pulmonary Medicine and has dedicated his skills in the healing arts to the service of the Lord.

For several years during the AIM Convention, Bishop Rhone led a U.S. delegation to Brazil to operate a medical clinic. The clinic has served all of the major areas of Brazil, including Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo and now Bahia. Within the scope of this ministry, Supervisor Patricia Lewis and the Women's Department distributes eyeglasses to at least 300 people annually.

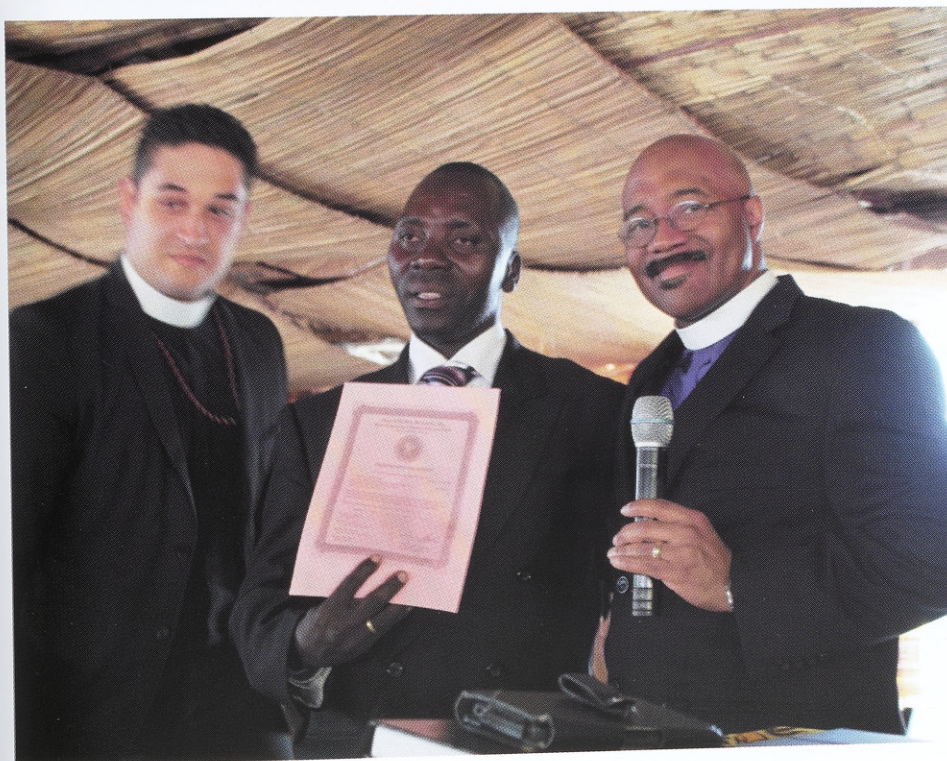
DR. PATRICIA LEWIS

Dr. Patricia Lewis currently serves as supervisor over the women's work in the Brazil Jurisdiction, serving under Bishop Rhone since May 2013. To maintain the firm foundation laid by Evangelist Lee



Van Zant of a holy lifestyle and fearless dedication to the people of God, Dr. Lewis was handed the baton and has never looked back. No stranger to danger, Dr. Lewis served as former Supervisor of Women of COGIC Pakistan (2007-2013). In a country that is 97% Muslim where strict blasphemy laws against "the Prophet Muhammad" carry a penalty of death by hanging, she said, "God





gave me the green light,” when asked about going to Pakistan in 2007. By the hand of God, she evaded kidnappers in Pakistan and accomplished the arduous task of establishing the Department of Evangelism there. In January 2013, Lewis resigned her Pakistan post only later to receive the mantle to continue the women’s work in Brazil, organized by Mother Van Zant.

According to Mother Lewis, the COGIC Brazil Jurisdiction has the DNA of COGIC and thoroughly reflects the style, practice and beliefs of COGIC. However, added to this distinction is the language of people who speak Portuguese. According to Lewis, Brazil “has the best singing people on this side of heaven.” She serves The International Depart of Evangelism as assistant elect lady and an itinerate evangelist and gospel recording artist.

MISSIONS DRIVEN

“The Missions Department is the undeniable evidence that COGIC Brazil has made a transformation from a mission field into a jurisdiction that sends missionaries to other countries,” said Bishop Rhone. Two auxiliary bishops assist Bishop Rhone in the day-to-day operations on the ground in Brazil.

In 2016, 120 pastors in Mozambique were organized into a region under COGIC Brazil. Moises Galiand is the current regional superintendent of Mozambique under Bishop Rhone.

MOZAMBIQUE

Holiness teaching consistent with COGIC doctrine is now entrenched in the hearts and the minds of the saints in Brazil, which has become a launching pad for the Portuguese speaking nations of the world. Consequently, Portuguese is also the official language of Mozambique.

“Annually, a team sponsored by the Missions Department of the Brazil Jurisdiction leads a delegation of U.S. and Brazilians to Mozambique in Southeast Africa. This team conducts medical clinics and ministry training to over 100 pastors and churches. They are also providing Bibles to many who have never before owned one. Their lives are being impacted by this great ministry and they are helping to expand the Church of God in Christ in Southeast Africa.” Presently, plans are being made to construct a headquarters church and a school on land that has been donated to COGIC by the government of Mozambique, according to cogicbrazil.org.

REHABILITATION CENTER

The jurisdiction of Brazil currently sponsors 2 rehabilitation centers, the El Shaddai Rehabilitation Center located in Brasília, the capital city of Brazil; and the New Jerusalem Rehabilitation Center located in the city of Salvador. Both of these facilities are owned and operated by members of the Church of God in Christ. They provide intensive treatment for individuals addicted to drugs and alcohol. A third site for women is currently in development. Souls are being added to the Kingdom through this vital work.





BIBLE COLLEGE

The C.H. Mason Bible Institute serves to provide biblical, theological and practical training for all laypersons and credential holders within the jurisdiction, regions, districts and local congregations of the Church of God in Christ in Brazil. The academic material provided has been designed to serve persons pursuing licensure, ordination and professional development. The C.H. Mason Bible Institute has been established in the 2 regions of Brazil to serve the breadth and length of the jurisdiction.

The C.H. Mason Bible Institute has graduated two classes since 2016 in São Paulo, Brazil. [The government of Brazil has committed to sponsor new construction on a church and a school on government donated land.] Nevertheless, the much-needed substance to supply this ministry in order to reach the people with the Gospel will be accepted. **TWT**

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REACHING the WORLD THROUGH the **Joyful** SOUND

By Evangelist Missionary Sandra Thompson Williams

The Church
of God in
Christ is
making broad
steps to fulfill
the Great
Commission.

Jesus said: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel..." (Mark 16:15). The Church is doing just that through KSTL AM 690 - its 5,000 watt radio station offering gospel music and ministry 24 hours a day.

Crawford Broadcasting Company, one of America's foremost media companies, donated the station to the



Church of God in Christ in 2014. This unique gifting was spearheaded by General Board member and First Assistant Presiding Bishop P. A. Brooks.

KSTL first signed on the air in 1948 and has one of the strongest signals in the St. Louis area. Thanks to the visionary leadership of Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., KSTL can be heard all over the world via the internet at www.Jubilee690.com. The station also offers a free, downloadable app making its programming available to smart phone users as well. According to General Manager Katrina Chase, KSTL's listenership is approximately 300,000. Also known by the mantra "Jubilee 690," KSTL has a dedicated staff of full and part-time employees, which includes Operations Manager Linda

Galloway and Program Director Hernandez Union, a popular on-air personality.

The station's format appeals to ministries from various denominations, including Baptist, African Methodist Episcopal and Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. "Pastors who belong to the Church of God in Christ are given a special rate," said Chase. Syndicated programs include the ministries of Bishop Charles Blake, Sr., Bishop T. D. Jakes, Dorinda Clark Cole, Bobby Jones Gospel, Bishop J. Drew Sheard and the late Bishop G. E. Patterson.

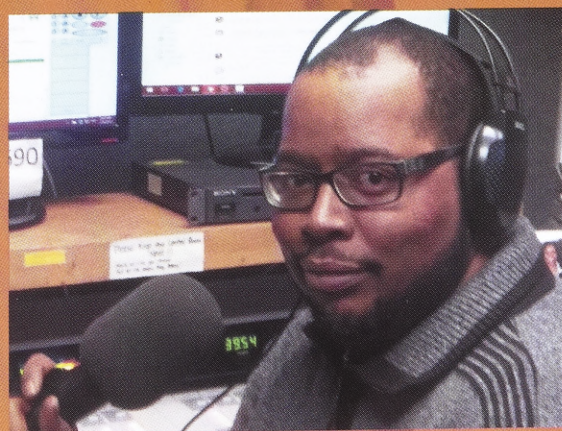
KSTL is a community-oriented station. Besides offering public service announcements to civic groups free of charge, the station also partners with the St. Louis Cardinals and other organizations in giving back to the community.

When asked what's on the horizon for KSTL, General Manager Chase answered with excitement, "We have been approved for an FM frequency. We plan to begin broadcasting on 94.1 FM later in 2019. We anticipate installing a new antenna. The two stations will simulcast programming, which allows us to reach even more people!"

Chase, a 30-year veteran in the radio industry, commutes to St. Louis from Virginia where she lives with her husband, Bishop Joseph A. Chase Jr., pastor of Friendship Cathedral Church of God in Christ. Together, they manage 7 radio stations.

Whether it's Christian entertainment, preaching or teaching, KSTL is on the air to proclaim the "Good News" of the Kingdom throughout the world. They can successfully promote your ministry or business. Please call (314) 878-3600 for additional information. **TWT**

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Honoring OUR ELDERS

COGIC's Nonagenarians & Centenarians

January 2019

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow."

- Psalm 90:10

The Whole Truth is pleased to pay honor and respect to our beloved elders, nonagenarians (90-99 years of age) and centenarians (100+ years of age) by recognizing in each of our issues those born nearly an entire century ago. If you wish to submit names for recognition within this cherished age group, please feel free to contact Dr. Wilma Beauford, Committee Chairperson of the General Assembly's Special Recognition Committee, at wsmithbeauford@gmail.com.

By Evangelist Missionary Sandra Williams

Nonagenarians Honorees

(90-99 years of age)

Mother Gloria Chase
92 years (October 7, 1926)
New Jersey First
Bishop Martin L. Johnson
Supervisor Jeanette King

Deacon Luke Uriah Atterbury
93 years (October 10, 1925)
Wisconsin 1st
Bishop Sedgwick Daniels
Supervisor Billie Jo Thomas

Deacon Paul Fulton Smith
93 years (October 13, 1925)
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Bishop Guy L. Glimp
Supervisor Katie Allen

Mother Hazel Gantt
95 years (October 14, 1923)
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Bishop Benjamin Ravenell
Supervisor Katie Allen

Brother Louis Tucker
95 years (November 5, 1923)
Eastern Pennsylvania
Bishop David Screven
Supervisor Juanita Robinson

Mother Essie Mae Williams
99 years (November 6, 1919)
Oklahoma Northwest
Bishop Lee Vicker Broom
Supervisor Corine Huffman

Mother Datherene Gant
95 years (November 19, 1923)
Wisconsin 1st
Bishop Sedgwick Daniels
Supervisor Billie Jo Thomas

Mother Tearo Allred
96 years (November 20, 1922)
South Jersey
Bishop Tyrone McCombs
Supervisor Deborah Kitchen

Mother Mae Ole Hunter
96 years (November 22, 1922)
Western Michigan
Bishop Nathaniel W. Wells, Jr.
Supervisor Martha Nichols

Mother Minnie Kitchings
92 years (November 28, 1926)
New Garden State
Bishop William T. Cahoon
Supervisor Marie Morgan

Mother Cora Boyd
92 years (December 4, 1926)
Texas Southeast Second
Bishop LaDell Thomas, Jr.
Supervisor Peggy Carr Lee

Mother Carrie L. King
92 years (December 7, 1926)
Tennessee Headquarters
Bishop David Allen Hall
Supervisor Geraldine Miller

Mother Clotil Jones
93 years (December 24, 1925)
Texas Southeast Second
Bishop LaDell Thomas, Jr.
Supervisor Peggy Carr Lee

Mother Maida Ruth J.G. Brown
92 years (December 27, 1926)
Tennessee Headquarters
Bishop David Allen Hall
Supervisor Geraldine Miller

Mother Dorothy M. Glover
95 years (December 29, 1923)
New Jersey First
Bishop Martin L. Johnson
Supervisor Jeanette King

Mother Earnie M. McGee
92 years (October 4, 1926)
5th Illinois West
Bishop James E. Washington
Supervisor Cleolia Penix

Deacon Emos Parham, Sr.
93 years (October 15, 1925)
5th Illinois West
Bishop James E. Washington
Supervisor Cleolia Penix

Evangelist Willie Mae Draper
95 years (November 25, 1923)
Alabama First
Bishop O. L. Meadows
Supervisor Mattie Taylor

Mother Ollie Mae Buie
94 years (November 29, 1924)
Ohio Northwest
Bishop Clifford Kimbrough, Jr.
Supervisor Blondean Jones

Mother Lilar Ira Patterson-Richardson
99 years (December 11, 1919)
Northeast Michigan
Bishop P. A. Brooks
Supervisor Norma Burrell

Mother Gladys V. Williams
97 years (December 23, 1921)
Texas Northeast First
Bishop James E. Hornsby
Supervisor Pia Haynes Williams

Centenarians Honorees *(100+ years of age)*



Mother Jessie Mae McClurkin
101 years (October 26, 1917)
Greater North Carolina
Bishop Leroy Jackson Woolard
Supervisor Harrizene Keyes

Mother Josephine Meadows
106 years (October 30, 1912)
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Bishop Guy L. Glimp
Supervisor Katie Allie



Mother Mary Couch
106 years (November 11, 1912)
Southwest Michigan Agape
Bishop Isaac King, Jr.
Supervisor Loretta Hogan-Whitsett



Mother Flossie Mae Baker
102 years (November 11, 1916)
Tennessee Central
Bishop Brandon Porter
Supervisor Toi Haley

Mother Lena C. Rogers
104 years (December 14, 1914)
New Jersey First
Bishop Martin L. Johnson
Supervisor Jeannette King



Mother LuBurger Beverly
103 years (December 27, 1914)
Louisiana First
Bishop James W. Proctor
Supervisor Vanessa Winbush Gatlin

Mother Jessie L. Johnson
100 years (November 11, 1918)
5th Illinois West
Bishop James E. Washington
Supervisor Cleolia Penix

Mother Lou Vina Jenkins
102 years (November 13, 1916)
Oklahoma Northwest
Bishop Lee Vicker Broom
Supervisor Corine Huffman

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Back to the Cross

By Sharon Nolen

So much evangelizing
Yet so many souls are lost
The solution is readily available
We'll find it at the Cross.

It is there at the Cross
Where our sins were crucified
Along with our Savior
When He gave His life and died.

For He took upon Himself
The sins of every soul
And forever killed the sting of death
And washed and made us whole.

Thank you Jesus Christ, our Savior
God's only begotten Son
We just can't thank you enough
For everything you've done.



That's why I must worship you
And praise your Holy name
For since you came into my life
I've never been the same.

For when I was yet a sinner
You gave Your life for me
And even to this day
You love me unconditionally.

Therefore I will do my best
To live the best I can
Staying prayerful and holding on
To God's unchanging hand.

Not a day goes by
That I don't adore You
And give You all the glory
For all the things You do.
Saints, if we should ever falter
Let us look back to the Cross
Where Jesus shed His precious blood
So our souls won't be lost.

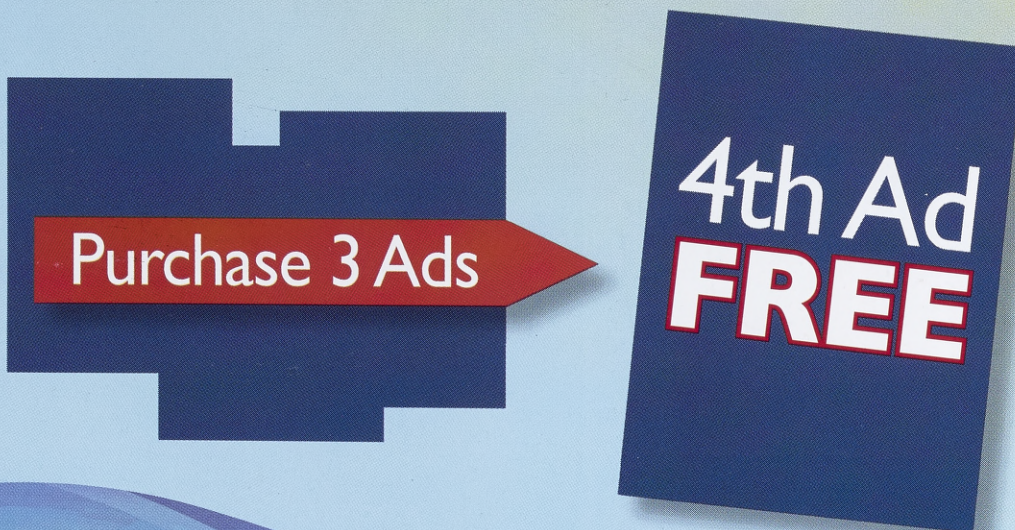
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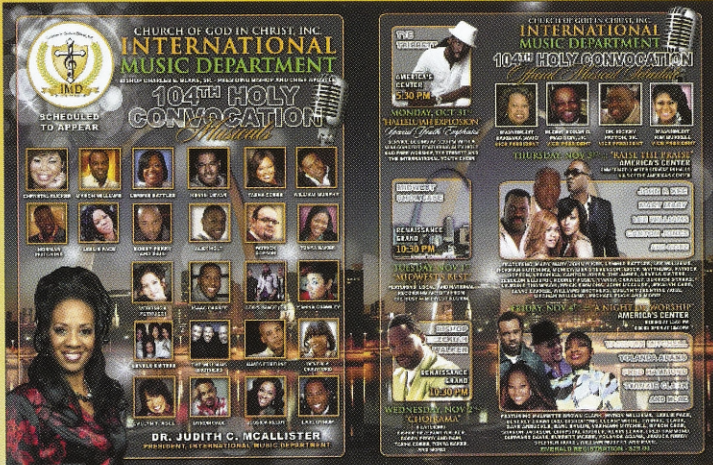
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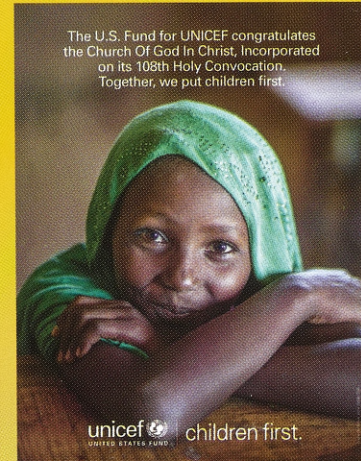
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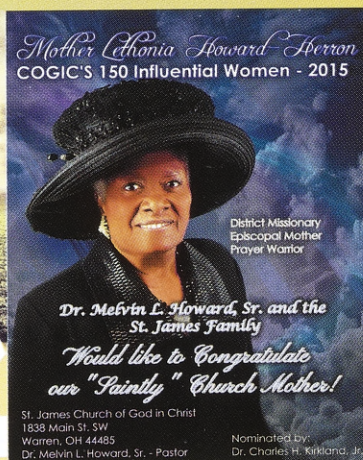
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